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US Plans Ahead

'Large Forces Unnecessary'

Washington, July 16.

Senior officials said today the United States was considering reducing Nato ground forces, including U.S. Army troops in Europe.

They said a final decision may still be "several months away." But if the plans were approved, the main emphasis of Western defence would be on new weapons and nuclear deterrents.

If this plan were adopted, officials said, Nato may not need all West Germany's proposed 12 divisions. Reductions in British and French military manpower would also be possible.

Radford's Idea

A reduction of American forces in Europe, now estimated at five divisions, was contemplated in the broad study now being conducted on the highest government level to determine defence planning for the 1958, 1959 and 1960 financial years, these officials said.

They explained that the plans were based on the theory that with the growing production of new weapons large ground forces were no longer essential for the effective defence of the West.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is reported to have proposed to reduce the military strength of the U.S. by approximately 800,000 men by 1960.

Any substantial troop reductions that might result in the partial withdrawal of U.S. troops in Europe has been opposed by General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Observers Surprised

General Gruenther said recently this would mean that a future war would have to be fought from strategic air force bases in the United States, leaving Western Europe at the mercy of an invader.

High administration officials outside the Pentagon surprised observers when they appeared to endorse the Radford view.

They gave three reasons in support of the manpower cut:

★ Growing indications that because its economy is over-taxed Russia will make further sharp reductions in military manpower;

★ The West would have to carry the burden of "astronomic costs" if it were to maintain a big ground force as well as pay for increasing expenditures needed for improved modern weapons;

★ It would respond to a growing feeling among the Nato allies that because of nuclear deterrents it seemed unnecessary to maintain the present level of ground forces to support Nato.

Officials stressed that the United States is in close contact with its Nato allies over the present strategy revision and that nothing would be done before it was exhaustively discussed by the Nato council, probably in autmun.—United Press.

And At UN

'We'll Reduce To 2.5 Mill.'

United Nations, July 16.

The United States said today it was ready to reduce its armed forces to 2.5 million men if Russia would accept an adequate inspection system including President Eisenhower's "open skies" plan for aerial reconnaissance.

The reduction would be accompanied by a corresponding cutback in armaments and military expenditures.

US armed strength is now approximately 2.9 million men. Russia last week unexpectedly agreed to an old Western proposal to cut its strength to 2.5 million.

The US Ambassador, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., made the 2.5 million pledge to the United Nations Disarmament Commission and reminded it that the offer was first put forward last spring and rejected then by the Soviet Union.

A Warning

Mr Lodge denied the statement of the Soviet delegate Mr Andrei Gromyko that the West would not consider disarmament proposals until there had been "preliminary settlement of controversial international problems."

"This statement ignores what I have already pointed out: that the US is prepared to reduce to 2.5 million men with corresponding reductions in armaments and expenditures in the world as it is, or in a world very much like it, irrespective of political differences, provided that there is adequate inspection, including aerial reconnaissance. . . ."

Mr Lodge said the world could not afford to let much more time pass without a disarmament programme.

"The long range guided missile is already looming on the scene," he said.

"When it becomes a standard weapon, no nation would have more than 15 minutes to get ready to defend itself and hit back," he added.

'Our Hands Tied'

He rejected Russia's demand for unconditional prohibition of nuclear weapons, saying it was valueless without an ironclad inspection system. He said Russia's demand for a pledge not to be the first country to use nuclear weapons tied the hands of the democracies and left the field open to an aggressor to use them without warning.

"The US, true to its obligations under the (UN) Charter, will never use atomic weapons or any weapon — gun, bomb, ship or plane — except to fight off and crush a predatory attack."

He criticised Mr Gromyko for rejecting the Eisenhower "open skies" plan. He said Russia had proposed a "fairly elaborated system of control" in Marshal Bulganin's scheme for ground inspectors stationed at airfields, ports and rail heads.

"Mr Gromyko certainly knows that we also accept the Bulganin plan," he said.

Four Principles

Mr Lodge called for acceptance of a set of principles proposed by the West to govern future disarmament discussions and restated the US position on an arms reduction programme in these terms:

★ It should begin promptly under effective international control with significant reductions in armed forces, armaments and military expenditures.

★ Further reductions should be carried out in stages, as world conditions improve and each stage is completed.

★ Urgent measures should be taken to bring the nuclear threat under control.

★ A reliable method of international inspection including aerial reconnaissance, is

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AMERICANS TOLD: "DO SOMETHING"

Nuernberg, July 16.

Bavarian Government heads met in special session today to demand "action—not words" by U.S. Army authorities to halt serious German-American clashes.

Two Germans died after week-end street fights with US soldiers and a one-legged war veteran was seriously injured.

The previous week-end had been marked by gang rapes of two teen-aged German girls.

German resentment at American troops' behaviour has exploded throughout Bavaria in the last ten days.

The Bamberg City Council demanded that all American bases in the vicinity be closed.

The Council of Ministers of Bavaria scheduled an emergency meeting in Munich later today.—United Press.

Tito Loyal To Bonn

Bonn, July 16.

The Yugoslav President Marshal Tito has assured West Germany that he will not recognise the East German Communist regime, the Bonn government announced today.

The assurance was given in a talk with Herr Karl-Georg Pfleiderer, West German Ambassador to Belgrade.

The West German Government feared that some of Tito's remarks in Moscow indicated that he planned to recognise the Soviet zone regime. Dr Konrad Adenauer has warned on several occasions that the Bonn Government would break off diplomatic relations with any country that does so.—United Press.

ARMED GANG CAUGHT

Death Sentence In USSR

Moscow, July 16.

Four members of an armed band in the Soviet republic of Georgia have been sentenced to death after being accused of a series of murders and robberies, the Georgian newspaper Dawn of the East, received in Moscow today, reported.

The newspaper said the six-man "armed gang of bandits"—the other two members were gaoled for 25 and 15 years—murdered three policemen and a collective farm worker and committed a number of robberies and "other crimes."—Reuter.

21 Hurt In Fall

Tokyo, July 16.

Police said today 21 climbers were injured when an observation platform in Mitsutoge pass at the foot of Mount Fuji collapsed under the weight of 40 people. Some of the hikers fell almost 200 feet into a valley below.—Reuter.

Zorin's New Appointment

London, July 16.

Mr Valerian Zorin, Soviet Ambassador to West Germany, has been appointed a deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, Moscow Radio reported today.

It was announced in Bonn on Saturday that Mr Zorin would be leaving Bonn shortly for a new post.

Mr Zorin was a deputy Foreign Minister before becoming Russia's first Ambassador to West Germany in December, 1955. He is 54.—Reuter.

MINISTER TELLS MP

NO TALKS ON CHINA TRADE BAN

London, July 16.

Mr A. D. Dodds Parker, joint Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, denied today that there had been "any actual discussion on the ending of bans on trade with China" in the China Committee of the Paris consultative group.

He was replying to Socialist MP Donald Chapman who asked him "what discussions have now taken place" on the subject in the committee and whether he would "state the present position regarding the bans which have been lifted or retained by Great Britain."

Mr Dodds Parker said that the British position had remained unchanged.

He explained that the China Committee was "kept informed of the use which the UK and other member countries make of the exceptions procedure to allow exports of controlled items in appropriate cases."

Mr Chapman was not in the House when the question was called and the answer was given in writing.

He was not immediately available for comment.—London Express Service.

Stowed Away In Lifeboat For 3 Weeks

Capetown, July 16.

A stowaway who hid in a lifeboat for three weeks during the vessel's 12,000 miles voyage from San Francisco to Capetown was in an immigration detention barracks today after surrendering to the Police.

Emmett Revere claimed that he remained unnoticed aboard the Japanese freighter Taiman Maru living off the lifeboat's emergency rations and water.

The rations ran out when the ship reached Capetown on June 29, and Revere left the ship unnoticed.

After wandering around the city for more than two weeks, he gave himself up to the authorities.

The captain of the Taiman Maru and the ship's agents in Capetown both denied knowing of his existence.—France-Presse.

Lim Arrives In London

London, July 16.

Singapore's Chief Minister, Mr Lim Yew Hock, arrived by air today on a short visit during which he will have informal talks at the Colonial Office on the island colony's constitutional future.

Mr Lim Yew Hock has come to attend the current conference at Oxford on problems concerning the administration of Labour in British colonies.

Mr Lim told reporters in Calcutta earlier today he had no new plan on independence to offer the British Government but he hoped that the informal discussions he would have in London would create a spirit of co-operation and understanding.

Mr Lim is expected to return to London from Oxford on July 21 and is later likely to have informal discussions with Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary.—Reuter.

JETS COLLIDE: THREE KILED

Beunos Aires, July 16.

Two Argentine Air Force jet planes collided in mid-air at Hurlingo today, one crashing into a home for elderly women and the other into a one-family house.

The police reported they had recovered the bodies of two women from the home and that a child had been burned to death in the private residence. The mother and two other children were seriously burned.

An eye-witness reported that the pilot of one of the British-made twin-jet Gloster Meteors bailed out. The pilot of the other plane did not jump and was seriously injured.—United Press.

42,000 Road Users Under Death Sentence

Washington, July 16.

An administration official predicted today that 42,000 Americans will die in motor accidents this year.

The Under-Secretary of Commerce, Mr Louis Rothschild told a House sub-committee investigating motor safety that in April 2,960 people were killed in motor accidents — a record for that month.

He said it brought to 11,550 the number killed in the first four months of this year.

"At the current rate the 1956 highway traffic death toll will reach 42,000," he said.—United Press.

America Asks Russia: 'Have You Got Our Fliers?'

Moscow, July 16.

The United States today called on the Soviet Government for information concerning American airmen shot down by Russian aircraft since 1949 and believed to be detained in Russia.

An American note delivered to the Soviet Foreign Ministry said that for some time the United States had received reports from persons of various nationalities freed from Soviet prison camps that American citizens had been seen in detention in Russia.

These reports have become "so persistent and detailed and so credible" that the United States "requests the Soviet Government to inform the United States government in detail" concerning American military personnel who have been detained in the Soviet Union at any time since January 1, 1949. If the Soviet authorities have not already provided information concerning these cases.

The note asked for names of detainees and the circumstances underlying their detention.

Two Specific Cases

The note cited two specific cases, one of a United States Navy Privateer type aircraft which went down in the Baltic on April 8, 1950 and a United States Air Force B-29 which went down in the Sea of Japan or in Kamchatka on June 13, 1952.

The note said the United States Government was "compelled to believe that one or more members of the crews of these aircraft were held in Russia. It said reports had been received that eight Americans, believed to be members of the Privateer crewman were seen at Vorkuta, a Russian prison camp in the far north, in September, 1950, and that one of the American airmen was serving a 25-year term for espionage.

The note gave the names of members of the crews of both aircraft, and said it might be that the Soviet Government was also holding in custody members of the crews of other American aircraft, particularly those which had been engaged in Korea.—Reuter.

HK Glove Exports To UK Go Up

London, July 16.

Hongkong stepped up its competition on the British market for gloves, Mr W. P. Aire, the Secretary of the Leicester and District Hosiery Association, reports.

The import into Britain of knitted gloves made in Hongkong rose from 125,772 pairs in May last year to almost 800,000 pairs in May this year.

Retail prices in British shops of Hongkong-made gloves are well below cost price of British manufacturers for comparable quality.—France-Presse.

RACE-HORSE CASE MAKES HEADLINES IN S'PORE

Singapore, July 16.

Members of the Singapore Turf Club and all racegoers in Singapore are watching with keen interest a dispute before the Singapore High Court.

A Singapore race-horse owner Mr Menco Warden contended that his four-year-old Australian mare named Miss Raxon, later renamed Princess Beautiful, had been destroyed on the instructions of the insurance company's agents and that he should be paid the S$8,000 for which the mare was insured.

The Law Union and Rock Insurance Company argued that the death of the horse was due to wilful neglect and under the terms of the policy this invalidated the claim.

Testifying, Mr Warden admitted that he had shot two of his previous horses, Patechoux and Sappoh. He shot Patechoux before the first year was out and Sappoh after one and a half years.

He stressed that if one of his horses "can not show anything in a year, it is not much good. I shoot it." But, the case of Princess Beautiful was different, he added.

For Humane Reasons

As a result of an illness, the mare was in such a pain that a veterinary advised him it should be shot for humane reasons. She was destroyed on January 12, last year.

A representative of the insurance company said, "Our complaint is that Princess Beautiful, from January 5 until the date of its death, was wilfully neglected, until it had to be shot to save it from further sufferings."

A veterinary had treated the mare from October, 1954 to January 4, 1955, when he had to leave for Hongkong, Mr J. Forbes, the veterinary, before departing, had found the horse eating and drinking well and had left some medicine, enough until his return from Hongkong.

But within seven days, Princess Beautiful had to be shot.

Another owner, Mr L. E. Nathan, appearing at the witness bar, said he had seen Princess Beautiful and that from January 7 its condition deteriorated day by day.—France-Presse.

Big Floods Swamp Japan And Korea

Tokyo, July 16.

Torrential rains today caused disastrous flooding in large areas of Japan and Korea.

Seven people are so far known to have died in Japan and about 4,700 houses were inundated by flood waters and 30 totally destroyed.

Swollen rivers washed away 104 bridges.

The rains also caused 64 landslides and ruined large areas of farmland.

In Korea, more than 1,000 houses were reported to have been inundated south of Seoul and all homes on the banks of the Han River evacuated. Four people have perished and hundreds more were reported homeless.—France-Presse.

TOP OFFICIALS ON PIRATED AIRLINER

Ingolstadt, July 16.

Three of the seven Hungarian passengers flown to the West on Friday when escapees seized their plane are high officials in the Communist government, it was learned today.

The three men gave their occupations as "tailor" and "office worker" to interrogators.

But further questioning revealed that "tailors" Gyorgy Sano and Karolyko Maroni have leading positions in the textile branch of the Economics Ministry and "office worker" Tibor Boukovits is a division chief in the Economic Planning Ministry.

All three have asked for repatriation to Hungary, along with two other passengers, a secret policeman and the plane's four crewmen.

The seven members of an escapee group who commandeered the plane have asked for political asylum, along with a young couple aboard the plane who did not take part in the plot.—United Press.

BIG QUAKE

Pasadena, July 16.

Dr Charles Richter, of the California Institute of Technology, reported a "large" earthquake of 6.6 intensity was recorded today at the institute's seismological laboratory.

Dr Richter said the quake was "large and very distant." The centre was probably about 9,000 miles away in an unknown direction, he said.—United Press.

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Cyprus Security

ANY consideration of the Cyprus problem requires recognition of the fact that the British government must fulfil two obligations —maintain internal law and order and preserve the security of the island's three great bases which constitute vital bastions to the partners of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Baghdad Pact.

Nevertheless, despite this dual responsibility, Britain does not maintain a large army engaged in suppressing a hostile local population, but at the same time ready to take action anywhere else in the Middle East should the need arise. At most there are 18,000 British troops in Cyprus, and their main task is the maintenance of two army bases and one air force base for the use of large forces if ever war were to break out.

Significantly the existing state of affairs in Cyprus has not been brought about by a popular mass upheaval of disgruntled Cypriots, but by a handful of extremists who are just as much the enemies of the inhabitants of the island as they are the enemies of the administration and British military forces.

IN fact there need be no conflict over Cyprus, for the British government has followed there the same policy it has pursued in many of its colonial territories—the gradual encouragement of self-government. And the vast majority of Greek Cypriots have never asked for anything more than that.

The principle of self-determination cannot be conceded—at least at this time. Three dominant factors exist which preclude it: Turkish opposition, which is understandable, the impossibility of any responsible government surrendering to terrorism, and British obligations in the Middle East.

The legitimacy of Turkish interests cannot be denied. Cyprus has been Turkish but has never been Greek; the island is 40 miles from Turkey and 600 from Greece; and of the population nearly a fifth is Turkish - speaking and Moslem.

There is nothing to show that either the terrorists of the Eoka organisation or even the bishops of the Ethnarchy Council represent the real majority views of Greek Cypriots. Significantly of the 48 civilians killed by the terrorists, 38 have been Greek; so have more than half of the 137 wounded.

EOKA could never represent the Greek Cypriots constitutionally. It is essentially a terrorist organisation which, among other things, seeks to inflame the passions of the young and the irresponsible, and has no other political platform than to bring about the island's union with Greece without any declared safeguards for the interests of the minority groups.

The activities of Eoka have retarded the political progress of Cyprus certainly as much as, if not more than, the ambitious intransigence of Archbishop Makarios. These are the basic reasons for security measures in Cyprus, the Emergency Regulations, the application of curfews where they are necessary, the imposition of collective punishments where this is the only means of bringing home the need to co-operate with the law, and the military activities that have already led to the capture of 100 terrorists.

Until law and order are firmly restored no real progress is possible; for the terrorists have made it momentarily impossible for any representative Cypriot leaders to come forward, to replace Archbishop Makarios, so that discussions can take place and ultimate agreement reached.

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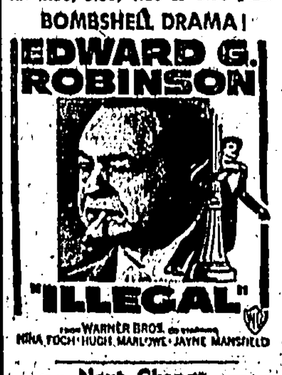

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IKE APPLIES VETO TO MILITARY LEGISLATION

Washington, July 16.

President Eisenhower vetoed the $2 billion military construction bill today on grounds that Congress overstepped the constitutional line between legislative and executive powers.

Mr Eisenhower sent a veto message to the House saying the measure violated "the fundamental constitutional principle" of balanced powers among the branches of government.

His action could throw a stumbling stone in the path of Congress at a time when it is rushing toward adjournment. It probably means that both the House and Senate will have to enact new legislation to authorise the military public works programme.

Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee immediately prepared a new bill eliminating the sections that prompted the veto. He said the Committee will approve the new bill tomorrow and the House will vote on it on Wednesday.

Mr Eisenhower criticised the bill because Congress voted to block the Air Force spending funds on the Talos guided missile unless Congress approved. The lawmakers wanted the Talos tested against a rival army missile, the Nike. Vinson's bill would let the Defence Department use the Talos funds as it saw fit.

Congress provided in the bill that the Defence Department could not spend any money on Talos guided missile sites or on military housing projects until they had been cleared with those two groups.

Indirectly Settled

In this manner, Congress indirectly settled the Army-Air Force feud over their missile programmes. The construction bill authorised the Army to continue with its Nike missile installations around key US target areas.

Mr Eisenhower said the bill would "compel the Secretary of Defence, and an executive official, to share with the two committees of the Congress the responsibility for the carrying out of the Talos missile authorisation.

"This procedure would destroy the clear lines of responsibility which the constitution provides," he said.

First Appointments

The Air Force had requested funds to install the Navy-developed Talos missile at some of its Strategic Air Command bases in preference to the Nike anti-aircraft weapon.

Mr Eisenhower vetoed the bill after conferring with Adm. Lewis W. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. They were his first White House appointments in more than five weeks. —United Press.

Yugoslavia To Sign Agreement

Belgrade, July 16.

The Yugoslav Government changed its opinion and agreed to sign a trade agreement with West Germany tomorrow after it had postponed signature last week, a usually reliable source said here today.

The Yugoslav Government had postponed the signing as a countermove to the failure of the Bundestag, the West German lower house, before its summer recess to ratify an agreement signed in March whereby West Germany would pay Yugoslavia 300 million marks in settlement of Yugoslav wartime and prewar financial claims.

The Yugoslavs had maintained that West Germany did so in trying to put pressure on Yugoslavia to ensure that she should not recognise the Communist regime of East Germany.

ONE YEAR

But it was believed here the Yugoslav Government changed its opinion on the signature after a conversation the West German Ambassador in Belgrade, Herr Karl Georg Pfleiderer, had with President Tito on Friday.

The trade agreement, which has been drafted here in negotiations which started in June, would last one year running from this summer till next summer. It will leave open the question of spending this year's rate of 50 million marks till the ratification of the Bonn debts agreement.—Reuter.

PROFESSOR KEEPS 750,000 INSECTS

San Francisco, July 16.

Seventy-two-year-old Dr Edward Essig, is happy that he has been retired from the University of California because he can now devote his full time to the work he likes best — caring for and expanding what is believed to be the largest collection of insects in the world.

"I have probably close on 500,000 or maybe 750,000 specimens," Dr Essig said. "Nobody has all of them."

The collection is housed at the University of California Hall of Agriculture, and establishment of the collection began many years ago when the University attempted to aid the growing agricultural industry by helping farmers to fight insect damage with more knowledge of insects.

ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

"When insects strike a crop, the cure must be based on an accurate diagnosis of the cause," Dr Essig said. "That is why we have insect collections...so we can put names on the agents causing agricultural diseases. Once we know the cause, the remedy is easier to find."

Dr Essig began to take his collection seriously in 1907. Since then he has collected specimens from South America, Central America, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Africa, Asia, China, India, Japan and Soviet Union.—China Mail Special.

Feisal Decorated By The Queen

London, July 16.

The monarchs of Britain and Iraq decorated each other today in glittering ceremonies at Buckingham Palace.

Queen Elizabeth bestowed on King Feisal of Iraq the Royal Victorian Order—a decoration worn primarily by monarchs and the highest of British Royalty.

King Feisal invested the Queen with the Grand Order of the Hashimi with chain.

A State banquet with 160 guests followed the investitures.

During the ceremonies the Queen invested the Iraqi Crown Prince, Abdulillah, as a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

GLITTERING BANQUET

King Feisal in turn decorated the Duke of Edinburgh with the Grand Order of Feisal I.

The two heads of State wore their new decorations to the glittering banquet.

During the banquet the Queen said she was proud that their two countries could be allied in the Baghdad Pact and proud of the part British technicians were taking in helping Iraq to build her prosperity.

King Feisal replied that he too was pleased at the relations between their countries, in their previous alliances and in the broader companionship of the Baghdad Pact. — United Press.

Double Agent

A wirephoto of Horst Hesse — German spy who until recently had been working for the US Secret Service in Wurzburg—at a press conference in the city's Red-dominated Eastern zone. He had returned to East Germany taking with him top secret files and other US Army documents. — Express Photo.

Win Bread Battle Appeal By Pole

Warsaw, July 16.

Mr Mieczyslaw Moczar, Minister of State Farms, today appealed to the Polish nation to "win the battle for bread."

(During the Poznan riots last month demonstrators were reported to have shouted "give us bread.")

Mr Moczar said in the Communist Party organ Trybuna Ludu today that although there are about 30,000 more casual harvesters this year, the labour force is still inadequate.

The harvest has already begun on 20 million acres of peasant farms.

Good Wages

Mr Moczar made his "battle for bread" appeal to the families of farmworkers, townsmen, students, children and the army. He promised good wages including bonuses up to 50 zlotys a day.

Mr Antoni Kuligowski, Minister for Agriculture in the same newspaper warned officials not to pester farmworkers with demands for reports and unnecessary conferences during the harvest.

Mr Kuligowski said that the number of tractors, combine harvesters and sheaf-binders had been increased on state farm machine stations. But, he added, there was anxiety about threshing because some machines could not be repaired because of lack of spare parts.

Import Grain

The Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Mr Leon Rzenkowski, told Reuter that Poland would again be forced to import grain from Russia and from "the Western capitalist countries."

The amount involved would not be small, he said. In previous years it had totalled a million tons.

He blamed the shortage of grain on a succession of bad harvests, last year's indifferent crop and this year's spring frosts. The acreage under grain had decreased and the rural labour force had dwindled because of the rush of countryfolk to the towns.

Overworked

There was a shortage of farm machinery, and much of it was old and overworked.

Since the war the peasants had changed their staple diet from potatoes to bread, he added. And Poland's 11 million pigs were big grain eaters too.—Reuter.

Civil Rights Bill Clears Hurdle

Washington, July 16.

President Eisenhower's controversial civil rights bill cleared its first House test today. The House decided by voice vote to take up the measure for two days debate.

The action came after the House, on a 151 to 103 non-record vote, beat a move by southern Democrats aimed at opening the bill to extend delaying tactics during the debate.

Rep. Howard W. Smith proposed that debate on the measure be eight hours instead of two days.

The House first defeated the move by a standing vote of 117 to 94. This vote indicated that southerners were in practically full attendance with apparent absenteeism among civil rights supporters.

BEATEN

The Smith proposal then was beaten again on the 151 to 103 teller vote.

Under Smith's proposal, southerners could have interrupted debate by quorum calls and other parliamentary devices and thus delay debate for days before the eight hours could be used up.

But under the two-day provision, such tactics could not prolong debate beyond the two-day mark.—United Press.

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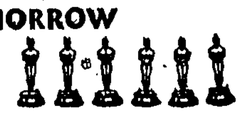

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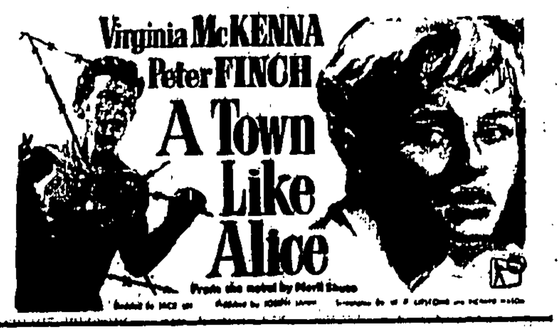

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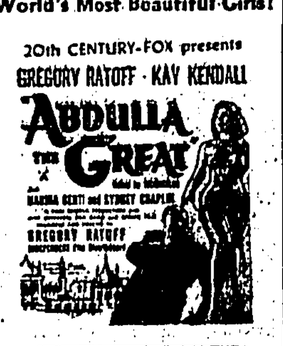

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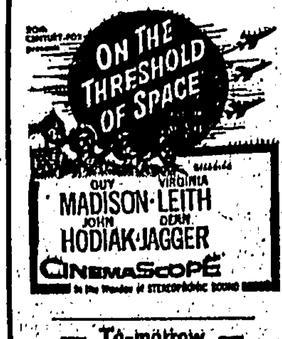

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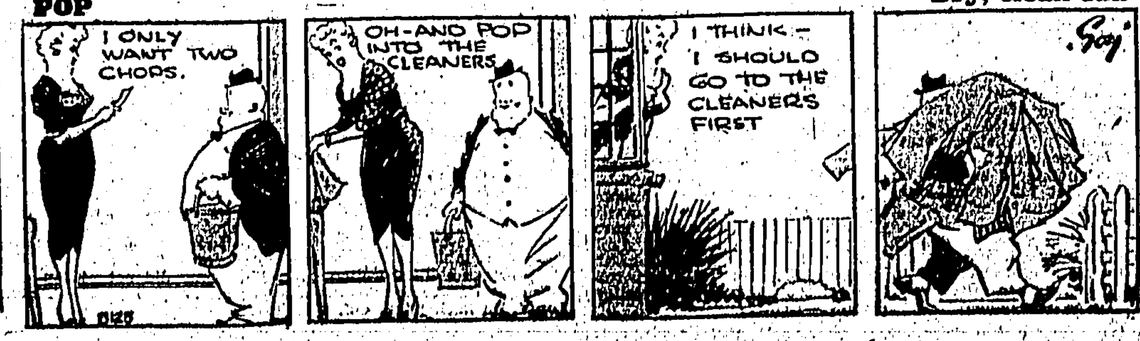


Dry, clean fun

63 Rebels Killed In Fierce Algerian Battle

LEGIONNAIRES DRIVEN OUT OF FOXHOLES BY ACCURATE MORTAR FIRE

Algiers, July 16.

French Foreign Legionnaires, driven from their foxholes by pinpoint mortar fire, fought hand to hand with rebels in Algeria's biggest battle this month, the French authorities revealed today.

Sixty-three rebels and an "appreciable" number of Legionnaires were killed, the authorities said.

The rebels, wearing khaki uniforms and supported by machinegun and mortar fire, attacked at dawn yesterday.

The Legionnaires entrenched themselves on the slopes of the 3,800-foot Filloussene Peak in the northwest corner of Algeria, about 90 miles southwest of Oran.

Plane Crashed

Helicopters rushed reinforcements to the battlefield.

A French fighter plane crashed during the battle, killing the pilot.

The rebels fled with the approach of darkness, leaving 63 dead on the battlefield and a mortar, a sub-machine gun and about 50 lighter weapons.

The French did not reveal their own casualty figures, but announced that yesterday's train derailment near Biskra, about 160 miles south of here, killed nine of the troops guarding the train and injured 14.

Rebels used mines for the first time in the Algerian uprising to blast the train off the tracks.

Station Fired

In another attack on Algerian railways, extremists set fire today to a station at Dhadjfrat, nine miles from the Moroccan frontier.

Officials announced today that 25 outlaws were killed and 1,300 suspects arrested in the clean-up last week in the wheat-growing Medea Valley, about 30 miles south of Algiers. - United Press.

Rumanian Leader Very Ill

London, July 16.

Dr Petru Groza, President of the Grand National Assembly of Rumania, was in a "serious" condition today according to the Rumanian news agency Agerpress.

Dr Groza, who had been suffering from heart trouble for some weeks, developed a haemorrhage of the lungs.

A medical bulletin today said: "In the past few days disturbances of cardiac activities have increased owing to insufficient blood circulation," the agency reported.—Reuter.

Miss Universe Contest

Hollywood, July 16.

The bevy of foreign beauties here for the Miss Universe contest spent today posing and shopping in Long Beach and then went to Universal International studios to be greeted by actor Jeff Chandler.

Among the stars Miss Universe contestants met at the studio were Fred McMurray, Dorothy Malone, Maureen O'Hara and 10-year-old Tim Hovey.

Their host at dinner was actor Jose Ferrer, who speaks half a dozen languages. Orchid corsages for all the girls and chaperones were flown here from Hawaii.—Reuter.

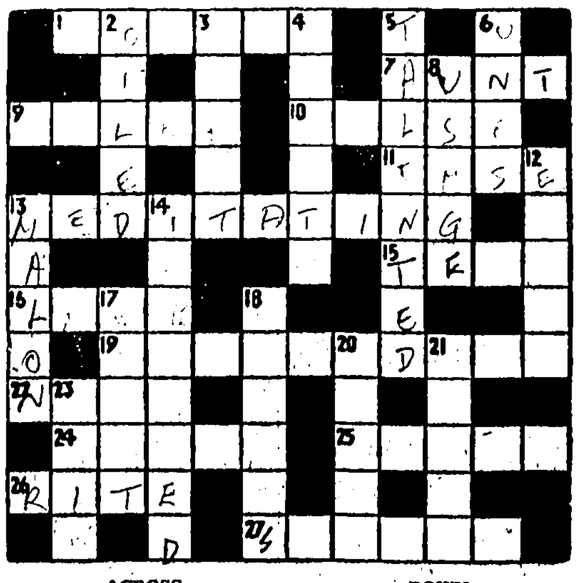
Mohammed Ali For Peking

Karachi, July 16.

Pakistani Premier Mohammed Ali will leave on an official visit to China on October 6, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

The Premier has already twice postponed his planned visit to Peking, first in May because of a political crisis in Pakistan and then in June when he fell ill.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Particle (6).
7 Relative (4).
9 Loafer (5).
10 Dance (5).
11 Relieve (4).
13 Musing (10).
15 Period (4).
16 Clover (4).
19 Downcast (10).
22 Past (4).
24 Month (5).
25 Fire burning on hearth (5).
26 Ceremony (4).
27 Meat pie (6).

DOWN

2 Lubricated (5).
3 Support (5).
4 Frivolity (6).
5 Gifted (8).
6 Units (4).
8 Custom (5).
12 Ant (5).
13 Fruit (5).
14 Buried (8).
17 Skilled (5).
18 Upsets (6).
20 Din (5).
21 Bird (5).
23 Conceited (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Favour, 4 Acted, 7 Allege, 8 Anvil, 10 Late, 12 Presses, 15 Impre, 16 Tost, 17 Salt, 19 Eased, 20 Steered, 21 Rite, 23 Cavil, 24 Scream, 25 Snags, 26 Orator. Down: 1 Fruitless, 2 Volatile, 3 Urge, 5 Canister, 6 Exiles, 9 Dread, 11 Entering, 12 Preen, 18 Sediment, 14 Streamer, 16 Attain, 22 Spar.

SLOW COACHES

London, July 16.

London's most modern bus is only a few miles an hour faster from end to end of its route, and barely faster in the city centre, than the old horse buses which disappeared from the capital's streets in 1911.

This was stated today by Sir John Elliott, chairman of the London Transport Board, at a luncheon here.

"I am so exasperated at the way in which London's buses are held up due to our streets being choked with parked vehicles that I am sorely tempted to put a few horse buses back on as a protest," he added.

—China Mail Special.

ECONOMIC SIDE OF SEATO

London, July 16.

A Conservative member, Mr Julian Ridsdale, asked in the House of Commons today what was being done to strengthen the economic side of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation.

Mr A.D. Dodds - Parker, Foreign Under-Secretary, replied that the SEATO committee of economic experts charged with this and related questions were holding their third meeting in Bangkok early in September.

He added that the international staff of the treaty organisation had been strengthened by the addition of an official who would be concerned with economic affairs.

SATISFACTION

Mr Ridsdale said this answer would give grtater satisfaction to all those people who believed that it was in the economic rather than in the military sphere that action could best be taken in that area.

Mr Dodds-Parker assured him that that point was very much in the Foreign Secretary's mind.

Mr Kenneth Younger, Labour, asked for an assurance that nothing would be done to harm the Colombo Plan (for aid to South and Southeast Asia).

Mr Dodds-Parker replied the Government would certainly continue to give full support to the Colombo Plan.—Reuter.

China-Made Radios For Singapore

Singapore, July 16.

Several Singapore importers have placed orders for China-made wireless sets, the first shipment of which is expected to arrive shortly, according to press reports.

The reports said China-made radios were also being exported to Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries.

Pointing out that it was the first time China was exporting radios, the reports added that they were likely to be much cheaper than other Western radios.

The reports quoted a dealer saying that a five-valve AC cabinet radio set would cost only $460—about one-third of the cost of a Western-manufactured radio of the same type.—France-Presse.

'Auld Lang Syne' By Russians

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, links arms with Boris Alexandrov, the leader (on his right) and other members of the Soviet Army Ensemble for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," at the Mansion House. The Ensemble, consisting of eight girls and 200 Red Army men, is appearing at the Empress Hall. — Reuterphoto.

SUBWAY JAM AFTER FIRE

New York, July 16.

One of the worst subway jams in history hit New York City today when some 500,000 rush-hour commuters were forced to seek alternate routes to lower Manhattan.

The normal routes were flooded and knocked out by tons of water used in fighting one of the city's worst fires in a quarter of a century.

The 25-hour blaze gutted the 94-year-old John Wanamaker Department Store on lower Broadway, a once palatial structure now in the process of being torn down to make way for an apartment building.

Knocked Out

The cascading water knocked out sections of the interboro rapid transit system, which links Grand Central terminal with the Wall Street financial district, and the Brooklyn-Manhattan transit system, which links Brooklyn with lower Manhattan under the East River.

The biggest tie-up was at Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan where thousands of commuters arriving from suburban areas fan out through the subway network to their jobs.

Nearly 100 policemen were sent to the station to keep order and lend assistance.

The crowd became so congested during the height of the rush hour that six persons collapsed and police were forced to block off entrances.

Badly Undermined

Transit authority officials said the two lines may be out of service for at least two weeks.

One station, almost under the site of the fire, was badly undermined and the steel supports were reported in danger of collapsing.

Police reported 16 casualties thus far as a result of the subway jam. One woman suffered a heart attack and 16 other persons collapsed from the heat on the crowded platform.—United Press.

ADENAUER, NEHRU APPEAL

Bonn, July 16.

Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer appealed jointly today for an easing of cold war tensions and a world disarmament agreement.

In a joint communique issued at the end of a four-day official visit by the Indian Premier to West Germany they called for "respect for national independence and sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states."

They said Nehru had "expressed his sympathy" for German reunification efforts. But they made no mention of possible mediation by Nehru on this issue between Washington and Moscow. Nehru told a news conference here on Saturday that he would not do so.

The communique announced West Germany's readiness to give technical help in aiding India's second five-year economic plan.

VISITED HAMBURG

The communique was issued as Nehru visited Hamburg and was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university. Tomorrow he flies to Paris for a one-day visit before meeting with Yugoslav President Josip Tito and Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser at Brioni on the Yugoslav Adriatic coast.

The communique said Nehru and Adenauer discussed "all political questions of common interest."

It continued "both government chiefs strengthened their belief in democracy based on the foundations of personal freedom and legality of government and declared with satisfaction that their talks showed similarity in their basic aims which are directed towards maintenance and promotion of peace."—United Press.

Production In China Should Be Up

London, July 16.

The London Economist this week forecasts in a leading article that gross industrial production in China this year should be "slightly greater than was originally envisaged for 1957 though the targets will not be hit in all branches.

The influential London weekly writes, "Nevertheless the planners have decided to speed up the tempo of industrialisation. Not long ago, the Chinese were cautiously estimating that they would need about 50 years to become an industrialised Socialist state.

"Now they expect to produce by 1962 not less than 17 million tons of steel, as much as Britain or Western Germany was producing two years ago, or the Soviet Union on the eve of the war. By 1967, the output should be raised to 32 million tons.

TREMENDOUS CHANGE

The Economist adds, "If they are fulfilled these estimates will spell a tremendous change in Chinese economy.

China, with its muscles flexed, seems to be striving stubbornly toward the goal of industrialisation. It would be easy to draw up a list of the pitfalls on this road.

"The Congress itself has provided a mass of information about difficulties and shortcomings. The collectivisation drive is not over, yet and despite the recent triumphant reports, grumblings may still be heard in the countryside.

IMPROVE LOT

"The accumulation fund is at the mercy of the vagaries of nature. Something will also have to be done to improve the lot of the 18 million workers and officials. It is admitted that while production in the first three years of the plan rose by 42 per cent, nominal wages increased by less than 15 per cent and real wages by only seven per cent.

"If in spite of all this, backward China succeeds within a decade in setting up a steel industry exceeding the present British and German levels of output, Peking will have drawn a long way ahead in one lap of its race with India, a race watched by millions in Asia."—France-Presse.

Wasteful Competition Alleged Among US Armed Services

Washington, July 16.

Trevor Gardner, former US Air Force research chief, has charged that wasteful competition among the US Armed Services may let Russia win the race to develop a 1,500-mile ballistics missile.

He also said Russia may have developed tanker planes that would enable the Reds to deliver atomic or hydrogen bombs to the US "heartland" now.

Gardner quit as Assistant Air Force Secretary for Research and Development last February because he didn't think the administration was devoting enough money and effort to that field.

Made Public

His testimony before the Senate Air power Sub-committee, given last month and subjected to Defence Department censorship, was made public today.

Gardner said Russia already may have a missile with a range of 700 or 800 miles. America's current longest-range ballistics missile is the Redstone, which has a 200-mile range.

He said there is no question in his mind the Russians are ahead of the United States in developing a 1,500-mile ballistics missile. This is the so-called intermediate range ballistics missile (IRBM), fired like a shell and capable or raining atomic destruction on distant targets at almost incredible speeds.

"If the management structure doesn't slow it down we might get one about the same time they do," Gardner said. "But we can't do it by buck-shotting."

By this he presumably meant scattering the effort to develop the IRBM among various military branches, rather than concentrating it in one. He said the Army, Navy and Air Force are carrying on about 15 or 20 ballistic projects which compete with one another for scarce engineers and equipment.

In One Jump

Gardner said he believes the United States is ahead of Russia on the intercontinental ballistics missile (IBM), sometimes called the "ultimate weapon" because it presumably can strike targets 5,000 miles away without warning and with no presently known defence.

He attributed this to the US decision to develop the IBM in "one jump" rather than "step by step with the methodical German approach" as the Russians apparently have.

Gardner, who since his resignation has repeatedly assailed the Defence Department for lack of speed on missiles and long-range bombers, also cast doubt on some military claims the Russians cannot bomb the American continent now for lack of sufficiently long-range bombers.

"... If that turboprop bomber which they showed us a year ago last May in quantity is in fact a tanker, that tanker, combined with their jet swept-wing large bomber, offers us a different kind of threat than we now believe possible against our heartland," he said.

In his testimony Gardner said there were no plans laid for new planes in 1953 or 1954. A project for development of a new modern bomber was set aside, he reported.

He said development of improved aircraft fuels also was neglected.—United Press.

'Mahatma's Daughter Dead'

Johannesburg, July 16.

The newspaper Indian Opinion, which was founded by Mahatma Ghandi in 1903, today announced the death in Johannesburg Hospital of Miss Schlesin, known as "Mahatma's daughter", who was Ghandi's secretary when he was in South Africa.

Miss Schlesin, who first came into contact with Ghandi when he began practising as a lawyer, later became an ardent follower of the Hindu leader and his private secretary.

In his autobiography, Mahatma Ghandi devoted an entire chapter to describing his secretary's character and personality.

When Ghandi left South Africa, Miss Schlesin returned to the university to complete work for her degree.

Afterwards she devoted the major part of her life to educating the non-European population in South Africa.—France-Presse.

E. German Protest To France

Berlin, July 16.

Dr Lothar Bolz, the East German Foreign Minister, has sent a note to M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, protesting about the introduction of conscription in West Germany, a reliable East Berlin source said today.

The note was delivered to French headquarters in West Berlin for transmission to Paris because the governments have no diplomatic relations.

The source added that Dr Bolz, who flew to Moscow today with an East German Government delegation, had drawn the attention of the French Government to the alleged increase of war danger resulting from conscription in West Germany and the rising strength of "German militarists."

The French authorities here declined to comment on the report.—Reuter.

Warning Device Sought To Prevent Mid-Air Disasters

Washington, July 16.

EXPERTS are trying to develop a warning device to prevent air collisions such as the recent Grand Canyon disaster, a presidential adviser reports. But so far "none of them have reached the point where they would be of real practical use," he said.

Mr Edward Peck Curtis, the President's special assistant in charge of planning for the coming jet age, made the statement yesterday in a filmed television interview with Representative Harold Osterag.

At the same time, the Commerce Secretary, Mr Sinclair Weeks, discounted a demand by the Airline Pilots' Association that the Civil Aeronautics Administration, which now only enforces air regulations, be given independent status and made responsible for air safety.

The pilots' group said the Civil Aeronautics Board, which now has this assignment, acted as both judge and jury in that it established safety regulations and then investigated crashes. It said the CAB was more likely to blame the pilots than its regulations.

Asked about the proposal and the charge, Mr Weeks said: "I don't think that is so and I don't think the record will prove that it is so... my judgment is that there isn't any conflict there today."

Mr Osterag asked Mr Curtis whether any air safety device, such as a collision alarm, had been developed to avoid air collisions. Mr Curtis replied that a "tremendous amount of work" was going into the problem but no practical answer had been found yet.—United Press.

ROSSELLINI IS NOT MY SVENGALI

says Ingrid Bergman

'Before I ever met him I wanted to leave Hollywood.....but I didn't have anywhere to go'

by THOMAS WISEMAN

THRONES, I decided after my meeting with Ingrid Bergman, have become sadly devalued articles of furniture.

It seems they are not the most comfortable things to sit on.

Miss Bergman occupied one of the Hollywood kind for ten years. Then, in 1948, without even bothering to abdicate, she kicked the throne from under herself—and went off into exile with Roberto Rossellini.

Today, eight years after the storm, Miss Bergman is able to talk with dispassion about herself and her decision.

NO FRILLS

Sitting there next to me at the lunch table, I thought she looked like an excellent example of modern Swedish furniture: good, utterly designed lines; the natural wood-grain left unvarnished; and no bulbous frills or unnecessary ornamentation.

She was sitting on a comparatively hard wooden chair. She seemed to be comfortable.

Miss Bergman was at Elstree Studios, where she is making "Anastasia" for 20th Century Fox. It is the first film for a Hollywood company and American release that she has made in eight years. Could this be an attempt to retrieve the lost throne?

"No," said Miss Bergman, "I am happy to let someone else sit on it."

This is in effect what she says, too, in the film as Anastasia—and for much the same reason. I pointed out to her the parallel.

In the film, Anastasia, having established her identity as the daughter of the murdered Czar of Russia, rejects her title and the £10,000,000 that go with it. All for love.

Miss Bergman admitted: "Yes, it is a true parallel. Anastasia also chose the man she loves rather than her 'throne'."

In the circumstances, it will be difficult for critics to doubt the credibility of Anastasia's action. Miss Bergman's choice was substantially the same—and she took the same decision.

But Miss Bergman wanted to emphasise that in her case it was not merely love that had induced her to give up everything that goes with being a No. 1 box-office star. She had tired of her romance with the box-office three years before she met Rossellini. The honeymoon with Hollywood had been over long before.

She said: "It is entirely wrong to think that he was a Svengali influence in my life who moulded me according to his will. This is not true. Three years before I ever met Rossellini, I wanted to get out. But then I didn't have anywhere to go."

In the eight years she has now been away from Hollywood, she had frequently been asked to return, she said. She had been offered large sums of money. And she had been asked to make films.

"I will admit it," she said. "It was mostly independents who asked me to make films—they were more prepared to take the risk. It was risk, of course. Nobody knew how the women's clubs will act towards a film I am in."

She said this, now, with a slight, detached sarcasm.

"And now we shall see. 'Anastasia' will go out in America and we shall see what the effect has been on my box-office standing and what the attitude will be of the women's clubs.

SHORT MEMORY

"If the reaction is friendly, I would not turn down an offer to make a film in Hollywood. But I would not return to live there. It is not that I feel any resentment towards America for the way I was treated. I have a very short memory. But I have no nostalgia for the place or the fame....."

I said: "And the money—you have no nostalgia for that? Or perhaps you had enough money?"

"No," she said, "what money I had went on...well, it went. We started from scratch in Europe. I work to make money. I have no ambition any longer."

The unambitious Miss Bergman has no plans to return to Sweden—they don't pay enough there.

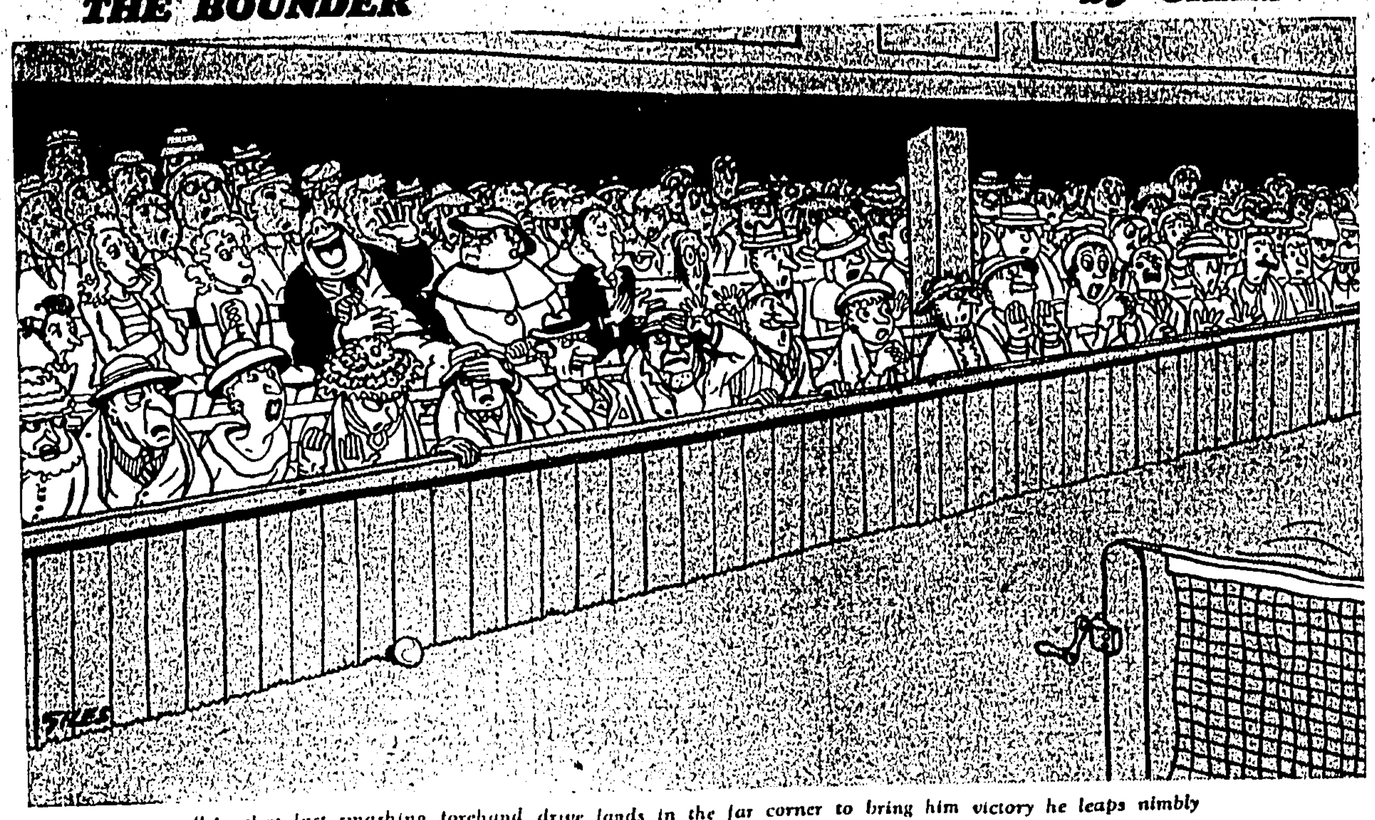
Although Miss Bergman prefers a hard wooden chair to a throne, it seems she will not settle for one of these Swedish pieces which look like stationary space-ships—and are for looking at rather than sitting on.

As she said, Miss Bergman likes to be comfortable.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Lady Littlehampton?"

THE BOUNDER by GILES



"As that last smashing forehand drive lands in the far corner to bring him victory he leaps nimbly over the net to shake the hand of his opponent—Oh, dear! His toe has just tipped the net..."

While the corks are popping in the Kremlin....

MY! HOW THE POWER IS POPPING IN PEKING

—By Rene MacColl—

LAST WEEK we told of the looming power of the new Red China and its determination to be independent of Russia. Today, as the masters of the Kremlin deal with a literal and political hangover after That (Latest) Dinner, Roving Reporter Rene MacColl opens his China notebook to relate some highly diverting, significant, and—for B and K—sobering information eye-witnessed on his recent tour around Red China.

FROM a notebook stuffed with wonderful odds and ends from my China visit, let me give you these two items as a starter....

1—Chou En-lai, China's able and charming Premier, was due to attend a party at one of the Western legations (not Britain's).

A few days before the get-together, the Chinese Foreign Office got in touch with the legation and asked—ever so smoothly—if they could please have a list of the guests, and also could they know just where the food was being prepared.

The legation sent over the guest-list, and said the cocktail canapes and sandwiches would be made in their own kitchens by their own chefs. Oh, then, *that* was all right, replied the Chinese. Just a small formality. . . . One couldn't be too careful, you know. . . .

2—State ownership versus private enterprise? In China they often fuse the two systems together, hoping that the compromise will please everyone. While I was there a shop in Tientsin, famous for its steamed dumplings over the past 80 years, reopened triumphantly as a "State-private concern."

There were flags, fire-crackers, and speeches. Also dumplings.

And to show that although China is now Communist, yet a little of that old-time floweriness still lingers on, the shop retains its traditional name of "Kou Pu Li." Which means, in that self-deprecatory way which the Chinese have, "Even dogs pay no attention."

YOU ALWAYS DO SOMETHING.....

AND here are two examples of the 1956-style Chinese mind at work: it was right at the end of my visit, and I had spent a strenuous day and a half sightseeing in and around Hankow.

I was quartered in a most attractive new guest house in Wuchang, across the river from Hankow. My interpreter-guide asked me: "May I know your plan for this afternoon?"

The weather was nice, the view across the lake from the guest house terrace beguiling; and I said: "Well, after lunch, I believe I'll just stretch out here for a bit." The guide looked terribly shocked. "One should always be doing *something*," he responded severely.

Back in Peking I was interviewing an official of the Ministry of Agriculture. Such interviews are marathon affairs and it is mostly a matter of separating the golden nuggets from the formidable dross.

Along about the second hour, the official said, through the interpreter, "China has very long coast lines." I nodded and waited, notebook in hand, pencil poised.

The official paused and looked puzzled. He said something to the interpreter, who glanced at me and said, "Mr Lee wishes to know why you have not made a note of his last remark."

But the outstanding and really significant impression with which China 1956 has left me is the massive drive to develop and improve—in agriculture, industry, communications—everything.

I stood on the banks of the mighty Yangtse River at Hankow and gazed at a huge new bridge.

It is a double-decker affair, top deck 23 yards wide, for lorries and pedestrians; underdeck for the railway. The eight piers are 10,000 tons each and are already in position.

The river there is 40 yards deep and the current flows at an average speed of six yards a second—in normal conditions.

I am no engineer, but the Chinese have apparently used a brand-new technique in anchoring these piers in the river bed.

I know that one Western diplomat (not British) who sent a report back to his European capital about the pile-driving of this bridge caused a sensation among the engineers of his own country.

THUD—THUD, THUD—THUD

PEKING is famous for the extraordinary din which fills its streets from first dawn until after nightfall.

Bells, gongs, wooden "tap boxes," metal triangles, cymbals, glass tinklers, jangle and click and crash as the street pedlars draw attention to themselves and their wares (the pedlars, incidentally, say they want to be formed into a "co-operative" of their own, as part of the "nation-wide socialist transformation").

But nowadays another sound provides an almost constant background to the sharper foreground noises—the thud-thud of basketball practice.

Basketball is China's national sport, and all over Peking—on vacant lots, down blind alleys, at street corners, in public squares, and behind the various hotels — there are practice baskets.

You see an hotel "floor boy" trot out in the middle of the morning, try a couple of dozen quick throws, then go back to his job.

I saw two French teams, one men, the other women, go down to ignominious defeat in the packed Peking indoor stadium (it reminded me of the Wembley Pool.)

The French gasped when the Chinese male team came leaping into the arena—nor did I blame them, for they were far and away the biggest Chinese they or I had ever seen; great husky, tall chaps, who proceeded first to embrace their opponents and then wipe the floor with them.

HOW THEY TELL US APART....

SENSE of humour? Oh, very much so. That is one of the pleasant things about China.

They laugh readily and jest at the drop of a chopstick.

But I must say I was a bit taken aback when I was discussing with one man in Peking the difficulty which Westerners usually experience in distinguishing the various Oriental races from one another.

"Oh," he said. "We often have the same trouble in telling Westerners apart. But not the Russians—we can always tell them."

"How?" I queried. "By their enormous paunches," he rejoined and screamed with laughter.

HOW TO RUN A RAILWAY

NOW over to the desolate and massive Chinling Mountains of Central China.

In a way the railway which the Chinese have built through those mountains is an even more impressive achievement than the Yangtse bridge.

For the bridge they have had the benefit of construction machinery from East Germany, and probably a good deal of Russian technical help. But for the railway—it has been a sort of Pearl Buck effort, using mainly the ago-old Chinese method: men with their hands.

A Western observer who was there, not long ago told me: "In one week's inspection I saw a single bulldozer—out of action. It has been done by man-power—and enthusiasm."

Once he saw hundreds of workers dangling together over a sheer cliff-face, supported simply by ropes tied round their middles.

They were busily chipping away at the precipice as they hung and swung.

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BEFORE I left Hankow the officials who had been showing me round urged me to go back in the autumn of 1957 to witness the grand opening of the Yangtse bridge.

You know, I believe I'd like to. Those Chinese are chalking up some pretty solid achievements—that.

PARIS NEWSLETTER—by WILLIAM ROLAND

THE EMPEROR OWED IT ALL TO THE BOOTMAKER'S DAUGHTER

Paris.

PRINCE LOUIS-NAPOLEON sought refuge in London in 1846 after escaping from a French prison. There every salon in Belgravia was open to him, and there he nursed his ambitions to make himself master of France.

Such an ambition needed hard cash for its fulfilment and it was a beautiful English actress (her beauty was more remarkable than her histrionic talent), aged 23, who provided it. For seven years between 1846 and 1853 she was Louis-Napoleon's mistress.

REVENGE

With her money he got himself elected president of the second republic after revolution toppled the throne of Louis-Philippe in 1848.

Louis-Napoleon completed his revenge for his imprisonment by seizing the throne four years later as Emperor Napoleon III. Until now almost nothing has been known about the Englishwoman who made an emperor.

She called herself Miss Howard, her stage name. History books dismiss "Miss Howard" in a few lines. According to a new book by Simone Andre-Maurois, wife of the distinguished author Andre Maurois, Miss Howard's devotion to Louis-Napoleon was complete. She had lived with two other men (one of whom provided her fortune) before she met the prince, but he was the only man she ever loved.

She went to live in France to be near him. While he was president she had a house near the Elysee within easy reach of the back door. She hoped her self-immolation would lead to marriage. But Louis-Napoleon, having used her wealth (he later paid her off) rewarded her by taking a Spanish woman of noble blood as his empress and putting "Miss Howard" entirely out of his life.

He gave her a title and she retired to a chateau on an estate called Beauregard near Paris, styled herself Countess of Beauregard and spent the rest of her life until her death in 1865 with only her memories.

A RUIN

Today the Chateau of Beauregard is a grisly ruin. All around it beautiful old trees are being felled to make way for roads and sewers, for the estate is to become the 21st Arrondissement (district) of Paris.

The bulldozers rumble past and more and more of the masonry of the chateau crumbles to the ground. Two sculptured groups on the walls remain stubbornly intact. One is on the theme "Unfaithful love takes its flight," the other a sundial expresses the motif "Love passes with time." Miss Howard's neglected tomb is in a cemetery some distance away. She was born Elizabeth Ann Haryett, daughter of a Brighton bootmaker.

But the inscription on her tomb reads "Comtesse de Beauregard nee Howard. Pray for her."

As a final insult to her memory the dates on her tomb are wrong: 1822 to 1864 should be 1823 to 1865.

MARRIAGE

THE management of the Societe des Bains de Mer, which runs the Monte Carlo casino, has forbidden the croupiers to talk slang among themselves in the gaming rooms.

Idea of this is to prevent the croupiers from exchanging comments about the customers that they believe (sometimes erroneously) the customers cannot understand.

QUOTES

Singer Edith Piaff, who recently announced that she and her husband, singer Jacques Pills, are to divorce: "Marriage is such a beautiful thing that one can think about it all one's life."

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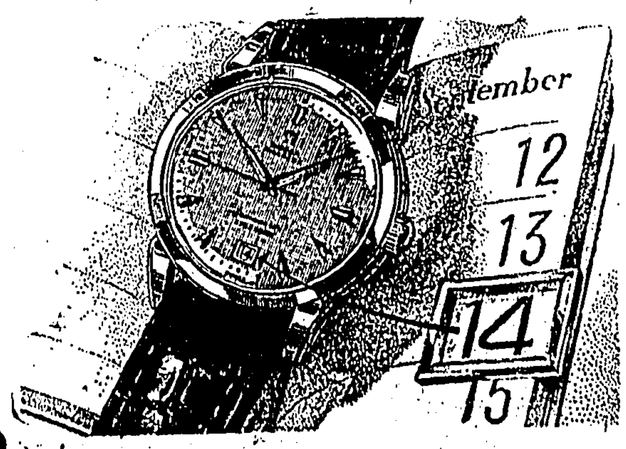

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TIGERS OF SPORT

This week it is the Tiger from Tillietudlem . . . the most 'capped' footballer in history . . . Captain of Rangers . . . the one and only —

BIG GEORGE YOUNG

By HARRY ANDREW

I don't think there is anybody anywhere who would quarrel with me if I said the greatest living Scottish sports figure—no pun intended!—is "Big George" Young, footballer extraordinary.

I think he is more than that, I believe him to be the biggest personality among all the world's active players.

All my Tigers of Sport have been chosen from the world field, without reference or bias for a particular country. They have included an American, Australian, Czech and a Frenchwoman.

To name Young as my football personality, I have to discard such fine players as Matthews and Wright of England, Puskas of Hungary, O'wirk of Austria, and the French star Kopa.

I am not going to argue about whether Young has greater playing ability than these men or one or two others I could name. But to be a Tiger you need more than just one talent. You must have a dominant personality, a ruthless will to win, an ability to make your mates rise above themselves, the toughness necessary to stand up for your beliefs in all circumstances.

Young has these characteristics in a remarkable degree.

AVAILABLE HONOUR

That is why he has been captain of Rangers these six years past—and captain of Scotland for an even longer time. He has played for his country many more times than any other man in history. He has every available honour the game has to offer. League Championship badges and Cup medals of every variety.

Now approaching his middle thirties, Young has completed what will probably rank as his greatest reason — two years after he had been written off as "finished".

It was at that time, you'll remember, that George was left out of Scotland's World Cup side. I still consider that the biggest tactical blunder this country ever made.

The decision was influenced by several factors—notably that Young had not long recovered from injury and that he was in any case booked to go on an American tour with his club.

Anyway, the selectors decided to cock a snook at Rangers and none of their players, Young included, was asked to go to Switzerland. Officially, it was because none of the Ibrox men was considered good enough!

Another broadcast reason for the omission of Young was that Scotland was to adopt a brand-new international policy. They were going over to all-out attack. And Young is, of course, the Number One advocate of a defensive strategy.

There is the measure of the man.

Young, as a full-back then and a centre-half now, would have had to be a defender in any circumstances. But the selectors knew full well that the personality of the man was such that if he played at all then the rest of the team would play the way he wanted!

THE RIGHT SORT

So far as I know, the selectors have never since departed from the view that attacking football is the right sort. But the fact remains that George Young is back in the Scotland team. As its centre-half and its captain!

And the strategy is still based on defence.

George makes no secret of his views. He said to me:

"Forwards are the boys who grab all the publicity. But I believe defence is the best form of attack. If you don't lose a goal you don't get beaten. In the long run the team with good defensive strategy and strong, fast wingers, and a centre will always finish ahead."

But let me draw you a more intimate picture of this 10-stone giant of a man with the longest legs in football. I have never known a man who so belies his appearance — for, until you know him, he appears forbidding, tough, hard to approach.

Nothing could be further from the truth in my experience and I have been a friend of Young's for many years.

Young is ever ready to give a youngster a "break", to hand out encouragement at the right time. He will argue with a referee, but never wilfully foul an opponent.

I remember kidding him once about the way in which he refuses to use his enormous weight and strength.

"It's no joke to me, Harry," he replied. "This should be a game of brains, not brawn. I like to get there by football strategy. When I have to start being rough to get by, I'll chuck it."

Hundreds of players will testify that Big George Young practises every word he preaches.

SERIOUS BUSINESS

Football in all its aspects is, for him, a deadly serious business. He will talk long—and loudly!—in defence of his views. Yet beneath it all he is the most good-natured fellow in the business.

On the field, he seldom shows evidence of enjoyment. One of the few occasions was during Rangers' tour of Canada and America in 1954. Against Victoria (Vancouver), Rangers were a long way ahead at half-time. For the second-half George was moved into the attack.

Sitting on the sidelines were his international colleagues Willie Woodburn and Willie Waddell. Their barracking was terrific as Young missed a couple of sitters. But his was the last laugh, as he scored a glorious goal with a backheeler.

He danced round the pitch for joy, a sight we've never seen in Britain. His international and cup triumphs have never pleased him so much — because he accepts them as just in the normal course of things.

There never was a player who so believed in the ability of his team to win, whether it is his country or his club. I have talked to Young many a time before a big occasion. He is always sincerely convinced that he will be on the winning side.

And his great strength is that he also convinces his teammates.

A good captain's job always goes far beyond the tossing of a coin. And his task is immensely more difficult when he has to control international stars with reputations equal to his own.

One of the best things Young ever did for Scotland was to blend such different types as Billy Steel and Alec Forbes. When they first came into the Scotland team it was with firm ideas about how the game should be played, and both had vastly different points of view.

But Young took the best of both and helped mould them into a fine team.

A PLAYERS' PLAYER

That is George Young as I know him. He is a players' player, ever standing up for their rights, ever fighting injustice — frequently, in consequences, running foul of official opinion.

But his honesty of purpose and love of the game are so self-evident that only the petty-minded could bear him lasting malice. And Young is too big to have to worry about them.

Of his qualities as a player I have said little. I need not to. Who is there in football who doesn't know all about those long legs, those mighty clearances? Who hasn't marvelled at the daintiness of this giant?

Young has "saved" Scotland and "saved" Rangers so often that it becomes monotonous.

Today he is a man of many interests. He and his wife, Zena, have two fine daughters, Irene and Muriel. He owns an hotel in Tillietudlem (Lanarkshire). He coaches and writes.

And thank goodness, he also still finds time to play for Rangers and Scotland.

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BRITISH OLYMPIC HOPE

Loosening-up for a training session at a swimming pool in London, is 23-year-old Johnny Cooze, whose aim is to be selected to represent Great Britain at the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia.

An ex-Royal Air Force Physical Training instructor and a member of the Highgate Diving Club, he is one of the best divers in Britain.

In his effort to realise his Olympic ambition Johnny Cooze is being coached by Mr John (Spider) Webb, who is well-known to British viewers and listeners as a radio and television commentator on aquatic events.

COUNTY CRICKET

Kent Takes First Innings Lead Of 37 Against Northants

London, July 16.

Kent, bottom of the County Championship Table, slumped from 90 for one to 137 all out against Northamptonshire at Maidstone today but still took a first innings lead of 37.

Spin bowlers had a field day on the drying wicket after heavy week-end rain and Northamptonshire's pair of Australian left-arm bowlers George Tribe and Jack Manning ran through the Kent side, Manning taking five for 34 in 16.5 overs and Tribe taking four for 27 in 14 overs. Northamptonshire fared not better, Colin Page taking five for 32 in 23.4 overs, including 12 maidens.

Lancashire, lying second to Surrey in the championship table, soon had Leicestershire in trouble at Manchester. Brian Statham, England's fast bowler left out of the Leeds Test, took three of the first five Leicestershire wickets and also held a catch, finishing with figures of four for 32 with seven maidens included in his 17.3 overs.

But at other places batsmen prospered, Yorkshire, for whom Frank Lowson hit 164 in five and a half hours, put up a big lead over Somerset and Middlesex did likewise against Gloucestershire.

Wilfred Wooller, Glamorgan's captain and an England Test selector, figured in a controversial incident during the match against Essex at Cardiff. Running up to bowl, he noticed that Gordon Barker, who had just completed his 1,000 runs for the season, was backing up prematurely and he whipped off his bails for a run-out decision. "I had warned him three times," Wooller said later.

HIS MAIDEN CENTURY

Brian Taylor completed his maiden century for Essex, batting three and a half hours for his 127 and hitting 16 fours. Raymond Smith flogged 24 runs in an over off Glamorgan's Don Shepherd, who nevertheless had figures of six for 86.

Other century makers today were Middlesex opening batsmen Jack Robertson who hit his first 100 of the season and Raman Subba Row, who hit 108 for the Combined Services against his old county, Surrey. Robertson batted for four hours for 116, including nine boundaries and Subba Row was at the wicket for three hours fifty minutes, hitting only six fours. He offered two sharp chances early in his innings.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At The Oval: Combined Services 251 (R. Subba Row 108, Williams 70, Pratt six for 119), Surrey 71 for five.

At Maidstone: Kent 187 (Pheby 57, Manning five for 34, Tribe four for 27 and 35 for two), Northamptonshire 100 (Barrick not out 55, Page five for 32).

At Birmingham: Worcestershire 172 for six (D. Richardson not out 79) versus Warwickshire, no play today, rain.

At Chesterfield: Hampshire 20 for five versus Derbyshire, rain curtailed play.

At Manchester: Leicestershire 108 (Statham four for 32), Lancashire 166 for no wicket (Wharton not out 87, Dyson not out 75).

At Cardiff: Essex 279 (Taylor 127, Shepherd six for 86), Glamorgan 74 for four.

At Gloucester: Gloucestershire 69 and 94 for three. Middlesex 330 for eight declared (Robertson 115, W. Edrich 55).

At Nottingham: Sussex 252 (Nottinghamshire 19 for two (Start was delayed to mid-afternoon because of rain).

At Taunton: Somerset 71 and 39 for one. Yorkshire 341 for seven declared (Lowson 154, Taylor 57).—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis

Men's "B" Division: RAF v CCSRC, SCAA v HKCC, Recreio v Army, CRC (2) v HKU, KTGCA v CRC (1), CCC (1) v LRC, USRC v Urban C.

Water-polo

Junior League: Navy v Army South (Navy) 5 p.m.: Dockyard v EYMCA (Navy) 6.30 p.m.: RAF v Army North (RAF) 6.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Swimming

RAPC Gala at Victoria Barracks Pool.

Water-polo

Senior League: Chung Sing v Chinese YMCA (Chung Sing) 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Lawn Bowls

Open Pairs Championships (Second Round): Matches at HC, KBGC, CCC, HKCC, Recreio and KDC.

Golf

Children's Medal Competition with handicaps at Deep Water Bay. Start 8 (Golf: Three-Club Competition).

HORSE RACING

RIBOT INVITED TO RUN IN ATLANTIC CITY HANDICAP

Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 16.

Ribot, Italian favourite for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, England on Saturday, has been invited to run in the 100,000 dollars Atlantic City Handicap here on August 11.

Nashua, the world's most valuable racehorse, and his great rival, Swaps, have also been invited. Nashua is by the Irish Nasrullah and Swaps by the British-bred Khaled.

Ribot and Swaps were today assigned top weight, 9 st. 4lb., for the nine furlong race. Nashua was given 1lb. less.

Seventy-nine horses have been assigned weights under the conditions of the handicap the top 12 horses listed receive invitations. If any decline, the next in line are invited until a field of 12 is completed.

The winner receives 65,000 dollars (£23,200).—Reuter.

I Believe Parker Will Beat Moore, Says Promoter Solomons

New York, July 15.

Promoter Jack Solomons of London announced in New York today that Archie Moore, top Heavyweight contender, "positively" would go through with his fight against Big James Parker at the Toronto Ball Park on July 25 despite rumours to the contrary.

Solomons, who will promote the Toronto 15-rounder, made his announcement at a luncheon for the press in a 51st Street tavern. There had been rumours that 39-year-old Moore might withdraw from the fight with Toronto's big, hard-hitting heavyweight now that physicians have assured young Floyd Patterson's availability for a Yankee Stadium fight with Moore in September for the vacant heavyweight crown.

When Moore signed for the Parker fight in Toronto, the percentage was against Patterson's fractured right hand healing in time for a September title fight.

Solomons declared today: "Moore couldn't pull out of the Toronto fight if he wanted to. He already has accepted $10,000 of his $40,000 guarantee."

NO ODDS QUOTED

Although ancient Archie is favoured at 3-1 in Canadian wagering, there are no odds quoted against his suffering a hand injury or a brow cut that might prevent his fighting Patterson of Brooklyn in September.

Solomons said: "I believe Parker will beat Moore, Archie nearly killed himself paring down to 176 pounds when he recently defended his Light-Heavyweight title against Yolande Pompey. He was very unimpressive until he finally stopped Pompey."

In case Parker upsets Moore, Solomons will try to stage a Parker-Patterson fight for the vacant heavy title either in Toronto or in London, he said. —United Press.

Three Japanese Boxers For Thailand

Tokyo, July 16.

The Japan Boxing Commission said today three Japanese boxers would be sent to Thailand on a goodwill tour.

The three Japanese boxers are Orient Featherweight Champion Shigeji Kaneko, Japanese Bantamweight Champion Keiichi Komuro and Japanese Welterweight Champion Kenji Fukuji.

Fukuji and Komuro are scheduled to leave in August and Kaneko in October.—Reuter.

'I'LL PROVE ROY BENTLEY IS NOT FINISHED'

Says GEORGE WHITING

Chelsea, the football team we all used to make jokes about, will be recalling their players to Stamford Bridge for preliminary training on July 23. As a lifelong supporter, I regret that the occasion could well turn out to be less happy than usual.

Too many people, I fear, will be suffering from the Bentley Blues—unable to rid themselves of the memory of that dark morning last May when skipper Roy Bentley and four of his team-mates fell under the up-for-transfer axe wielded by manager Ted Drake.

Angry fans painted "Fair Play to Roy Bentley" in three-foot letters across the gates. They are organising a protest petition down at Welham Green. So many sympathisers, mostly vintage supporters, have written to Bentley that he has had to duplicate a stock reply. Above all, the life-blood boys—season-ticket holders—are reputed to be showing rather less than their usual enthusiasm for the tolls and/or triumphs of the new season.

BEWILDERMENT

What does the fair-haired, oft-capped Bentley think about it all after more than eight years in the thick of the blue Chelsea line-up? I went out to his club-owned semi-detached cottage at Park Royal to find out. And I found—bewilderment.

"As you know," said Bentley over coffee and biscuits, "the club have re-signed me at top wages when they could, I suppose, have paid me only £7 a week. But I doubt if you will see me playing there again. I'll train. I'll obey orders. But, frankly, my heart is no longer at Stamford Bridge. I'd be happier elsewhere. I am hoping to move."

"Move where?" I asked.

"I just do not know. Scunthorpe were supposed to be interested in me as a player-manager; but I have no managerial ambitions. When my playing days are over, I hope to make a career in the electrical business—with the same firm that Ted Hufton, the old West Ham goalkeeper, represents."

HAPPY AT HENDON

"Any other offers?"

"Portsmouth are interested, I'm told, though those stories about me looking at houses down there are incorrect. I'd like to stay in First Division football, of course, and at 32, it is nice to hear that Portsmouth are keen on my fitting in with their younger players.

"I could have done the same for Chelsea, I was never happier than when kidding and encouraging the youngsters along in our third team at Hendon.

"Chelsea paid Newcastle £11,000 for you in 1948. How much do you think they will want from Portsmouth, or any other club interested?" . . . . .

"No idea, but I hope they will not ask too much. I have heard all sorts of estimates quoted. One as high as £20,000, which is surely unreasonable."

IN THE DARK

"Do you still feel resentful about Chelsea?"

"Honestly, no. Just hurt and puzzled at being left completely in the dark. If I had been told I had let the club down, or had not been pulling my weight, I could have understood, and taken it. But I still have not been told what it is all about.

"I was at the ground seeing the dentist when Ted Drake called me into his office and said it was his unpleasant duty to tell me that I was being placed on the open-to-transfer list. The news came as such a shock that I asked him to repeat it, but I could not pin him down to any reason.

"Next day I rang Ted up, and he said something about the team going backward instead of forward. I had to cut off when I was called to a neighbour's kiddy who had a nasty accident to her hand. That was the last I heard. Since then, I have not spoken to any of the club officials. They have told me nothing."

"Do you blame anybody in particular?"

"I do not know what to think. At first I got the impression that Ted might have been acting under orders, and he looked so embarrassed that I felt sorry for him. Since then, however, I have come to realise he has a completely free hand at Chelsea."

"Any public reaction?"

"Incredible, really. Letters began arriving, and the telephone never stopped ringing, though the number is not in the book. Finally, I just had to get away from it all with my wife and two young daughters. We all cleared out to Bristol for a fortnight. Since then, I've been playing golf and cricket, and putting in some time at this electrical supplies job."

WONDERFUL INFLUENCE

"Is there any chance of a change of heart at Chelsea?"

"Could be. But, after what has happened, I think I should find it hard to show the same interest.

"Chelsea used to be known as a club who looked after their players, and Ted Drake had a wonderful driving influence on us all. Nothing could have been finer than when we won the championship—or, for me, when they made me captain for the four games that helped us to avoid relegation.

"Now things are different. This unhappy business could destroy a lot of the club's goodwill, especially among the parents of youngsters coming into the professional game."

"But you will be at Stamford Bridge when training starts?"

"You bet I will. I'll train 10 times harder than I ever trained in my life. I'll give them proof that Roy Bentley is not finished."

It was said slowly, sorrowfully, and not at all in anger. For Roy Bentley, idol of the Blues, is a hurt young man.

As for us Chelsea fans, it is going to be quite some time before we are in the mood for any more comical quips. Just leave us alone, will you?

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BOXING

Richardson Stops Austrian Champion In First Round

Cardiff, July 16.

Dick Richardson, one of Britain's best young heavyweight prospects beat Kurt Schiegl of Austria here tonight. The referee stopped the fight in the first of the ten round bout because of the Austrian's cut eye.

It was one of the quickest and most unsatisfactory wins of Richardson's colourful career.

The fight lasted only 2 minutes 15 seconds, ending with the referee, Mr D. S. David, pulling the boxers apart and pushing Schiegl into his corner with blood streaming from a cut by his left eye.

Schiegl, who is the champion of Austria, protested volubly and gave every indication of wanting to carry on, but the cut was a bad one.

In the short while the fight lasted there was little orthodox boxing. Richardson spent most of his time punching as short as he could and trying to escape from the Austrian's crowding embrace.

Suddenly Schiegl came away from a bout of close fighting with blood pouring down his face. Immediately the referee caught sight of the injury he stopped the fight.

Richardson said afterwards that he opened the cut with a short right from close in.

Dai Dower of Wales, British and British Empire Flyweight Champion, outpointed Joseph Dionisio of France over eight rounds.—Reuter.

LAWN TENNIS

Rosewall & Fraser Surprisingly Beaten By Swedish Pair

Stockholm, July 16.

Ken Rosewall and Neale Fraser, of Australia, were surprisingly beaten by the Swedish pair Percy Rosberg and Jan-Erik Lundquist in the Men's Doubles final of an International Lawn Tennis Tournament in Oskarshamn, South Sweden, today.

Rosberg and Lundquist won 3-6, 8-6, 7-5 and 6-3.

Rosewall and Fraser will meet in the final of the Men's Singles. In the semi-finals today Rosewall defeated Rosberg 6-3, 6-3 and Fraser beat Lundquist by the same score.—Reuter.

BASEBALL

Braves Score Their Seventh Win In A Row

New York, July 16.

Milwaukee's bustling Braves won their seventh game in a row today when Hank Aaron provided the victory margin 2-1 over Pittsburgh with a home run and Bob Buhl gained his 11th victory by scattering seven hits.

Buhl missed his shut-out when Frank Thomas lashed a second-inning homer.

The Dodgers made it two victories in a row over the Cubs 4-1 in a rain-shortened six-inning affair in which Gil Hodge hit a three-run homer in the first. Roger Craig gained his ninth victory, yielding only two hits, a single to losing pitcher Sam Jones and a double to second sacker Gene Baker.

Bob Lemon pitched five-hit ball to win his 11th game for the Indians, who made 17 hits in a 7-3 decision over the Red Sox in Boston. Jim Busby hit a home run and two singles to pace the Indians. Hal Naragon had a double and a pair of singles and every man in the Cleveland starting line-up hit safely at least one.—United Press.

MALAYAN AAA MEET

Ceylon And Australia Will Compete For The First Time

Kuala Lumpur, July 16.

Ceylon and Australia will compete in the Malayan Athletic Championships to be held in Penang, Northern Malaya, on August 17 and 18, the Malayan Amateur Athletic Association announced today.

Australia will be represented by Flight Lieutenant Brian Oliver, the Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump Champion of Australia, the Association said.—Reuter.

Army Soccer Loss

Brigadier-General R.J. Kentish, founder of the National Playing Fields Association, has died aged 79 in London. The Brigadier, whose great love was Soccer, was vice-president of the Army Football Association, Army Fencing Union and Army Athletic Association. He was also identified with the British Olympic Council. Until recently he always travelled with the Army Soccer team to its matches with the French and Belgium Armies. He gave a cup to that Triangular Tournament.

THE GAMBOLS . . . . by Barrie Appleby

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•JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Craft Wins In Bad No-Trump

By OSWALD JACOBY

SHOULD South bid one no-trump in today's hand? The experts disagree on this issue.

The opening bid shows 16 to 18 points, balanced distribution, and strength in at least three suits. South's hand follows all of these rules. Where is the disagreement?

Most experts say that the opening bid of one no-trump should not be made when you have a worthless doubleton. They don't mind bidding no-trump with a worthless tripleton, but they don't like worthless doubletons.

At any rate, that's what the experts say for publication. In actual practice, almost all experts go right ahead and bid one no-trump anyway. As a result, they sometimes get to game in no-trump with one suit wide open, as in today's hand.

South looked carefully at the dummy before he played the first card. There would be tricks to burn if the club finesse succeeded. If the finesse lost, however, the danger of a shift to hearts was enough to make the stoutest heart quail.

Fortunately for him, South had a crafty brain and a stout heart. He won the first trick with the ace of spades instead of with the queen.

Then South led a diamond to dummy and tried the club finesse. West won with the king of clubs and led another low spade. He was sure his partner had the queen of spades, and he didn't want the suit to block.

This was, of course, exactly what South had been planning. Declarer won the second spade with the queen and rattled off his tricks in clubs and diamonds. It's all right to take a chance now and then if you're crafty enough to wriggle out of danger.

NORTH 17
♠ 9 6
♥ 10 7 4
♦ K Q 9
♣ Q J 8 7 3

WEST	EAST
♠ K 7 5 4 2	♠ J 8 3
♥ Q 8 3 2	♥ A K 9 6
♦ 6 4	♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ K 6	♣ 5 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A Q 10
♥ J 5
♦ A J 10 2
♣ A 10 9 4

Neither side vul

South	West	North	East
1 N.T.	Pass	2 N T	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ 4

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Club	1 Spade	Pass	?

You, South, hold
♠ 6 2 ♥ A K Q 9 7 4 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ 0
What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. You will bid game in hearts next, thus guaranteeing game and hinting at slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold
♠ K J 6 2 ♥ A K 9 7 4 2 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ 0
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

D	S	O
R	G	E
O	N	A

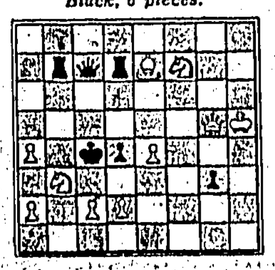
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 30 words, *good*; 36 words, *very good*; 42 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Abed aside abode aeedle said acrid afred arsede grid beds bard bared barred BARRIOADE bead beard bide bird braed brad braid braird bread bred bride sedre serbide sard sared sarried sedar sider sried dase dard dear debar dise diser dire drab drear drier leed lrien rabid rase radar raid raider read side slider.

CHESS PROBLEM

By B. INGRE

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Kt6; threat 2, Q—B2 (ch); 1 . . . K×Kt (Kt5); 2, Q—Q4 (ch); 1 . . . K×Kt (B4); 2, Q—B6 (ch); 1 . . . R×Kt; 2, Q—KR8 (ch).

This Funny World

"What say we try the Becker's grill tomorrow? I understand they're away on vacation too"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JULY 17

BORN today, you possess personal magnetism. This, combined with your vigorous "get-up-and-go" spirit, will be of great help to you in getting what you want out of life. Your ambitions are high, but you live in a world of your own. As a child and adolescent, you probably will be a great day-dreamer yet as you approach adulthood, it is likely that you will learn to implement your dreams so that most of them come true during your lifetime.

You have the ability to make a good bargain and never will be caught on the wrong side of the fence when it comes to making a profit. You may not start out with much, but your chances of winning a fortune are excellent if you make the best possible use of your latent talents. Never trust the advice of others but stick to your own opinions, no matter how sharp the opposition. Show initiative and take the lead in some long-term objective and you will win out.

Although not one to show your affections easily, you are sincere, loyal and true. It might not hurt for you to learn to be a little more demonstrative when it comes to love and romance, for if you persist in your aloofness, you may miss out on a great deal of happiness.

Among those born on this date are Timothy Pickering, statesman; Peter Gansevoort, Revolutionary War officer; James Cagney, actor; John Wilbur, reformer; Alexander B. Meek, noted jurist, and John Jacob Astor, pioneer trader.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Take care of your investments, especially if you have important property or real estate holdings.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may be more than normally adventuresome, either in business or in romance. Reach success, too!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The second good day in a row for all your major interests. Take full advantage of all opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Another day for action on important matters. They may be at a distance and call for travel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If you are in retail merchandising, then this might be a banner day for sales. Make a handsome profit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You can afford to be a little adventuresome in your business attitude. Take the initiative for results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your future is of the utmost importance and something you decide upon today will determine its trend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Expect the unexpected—and you won't be disappointed! An active day for making quick decisions.

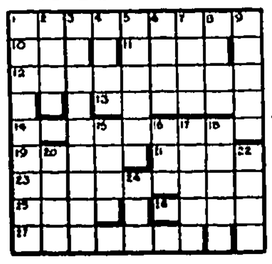
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A fine day to promote a new idea. Get out and meet some new and interesting people who can help you.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Alertness counts on this day of surprises. You can further your interests by positive action.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Perhaps you are planning a trip. Today is a fine time to start. Combine the journey with business.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Major interests are in the forefront and call for development. Good fortune should attend expansion of ideas.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Bakers, etc., make an anagram. (9)
10. Nothing in around. (3)
11. Rail is returned. (4)
12. Let's hope your umbrella is, next time it's mislaid. (9)
13. Visualise after the French plural. (6)
14. They don't necessarily mean a vacation for Honest Joe, the old firm. (4, 5)
19. A small credit is followed by two different directions. (5)
21. Mathematical code number in the postal district. (4)
23. It may cover a few platemarks at breakfast! (4-5)
25. Gosh! The bins have changed things. (4)
26. Pool for a warm weather game. (4) 27. More sugary. (7)

Down
1. They provide washing facilities in the gardens. (9)
2. Beginning and end rogues. (4)
3. You drop the first part here, from a ship. (9)
4. Keep it, and collected. (4)
5. The slippery little things. (6)
6. The product of 11 Across. (4)
7. Deduct a century from 19 Across and you could make up these. (4)
8. Family one tells you where you came from. (4)
9. Two equal ones make the best game. (5)
15. Those of the Kingdom make a book. (4)
16. Related to 5 Down. (5)
17. This will get a tracker on an animal's heels. (5)
18. 18 Across should be able to prove his. (5)
20. If you do this so soon you may be guilty of counting other small fowls. (4)
22. Followed by a stage it's Obina. (4)
24. One hundred to return. (3)

Yesterday's solution

WOMANSENSE

Lemon Chiffon Pie Has Low Calorie Count

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"PIES are the favourite dessert of many people," announced the Chef. "It is to be regretted that they tend to increase the waistline.

"Alas, a medium cut of apple pie is 377 calories: blueberry pie is 377, cherry 360, coconut custard 266! What is a reducing pie-lover to do Madame, cut them out entirely?"

"Not necessarily, Chef," I replied. "Eating a half-size piece is one compromise; choosing pies containing fewer calories is another.

"Did you notice that in the pies you just mentioned the ones made with milk and egg and no fruit were lower in calories? That is because less sugar is needed than when fruit is used. Then, too, both milk and eggs are largely protein and protein calories are needed in a reducing diet you know."

"But what if the stomach longs for a nice Bavarian or chiffon pie, Madame?"

"Apply a little will power, Chef, then work out a good facsimile pie with less calories."

ONLY 200 CALORIES

The Chef accepted the challenge and turned out a delicious, easy-to-make, chiffon-type pie, at 200 calories per cut, 6 cuts to a pie, and here it is.

Lemon Whip Pie: Pre-preparation: Bake 1 (9") graham cracker pie shell. Pour 1 c. evaporated milk into a refrigerator freezing tray. Freeze 20 min. or until crystals form around the edge.

Filling: In the refrigerator, chill a small bowl and beaters for the electric mixer. If you don't have an electric mixer, chill a rotary beater and bowl.

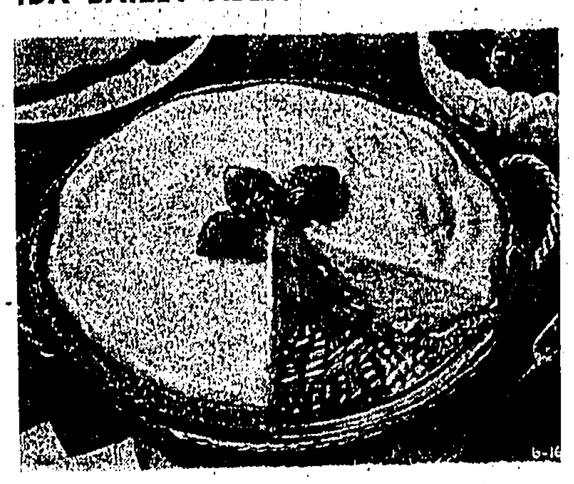
Empty 1 envelope lemon-flavoured Vitamin C gelatin dessert into a large mixing bowl. Over it pour 1½ c. very hot water. Stir until the gelatin dissolves. Chill in the refrigerator until beginning to thicken.

Then pour the partially frozen evaporated milk into the chilled bowl. Add the grated peel ½ lemon and 3 tbsp. lemon juice. Beat until stiff. Add to the thickened gelatin and beat until frothy.

Transfer to the baked 9" graham cracker pie shell. Refrigerate 4 hrs. Garnish of strawberries.

Graham Cracker Pie Shell: Crush 20 graham crackers (or enough to make 1 2/3 c.) into fine crumbs. Blend with 3 tbsp. sugar, 1 egg white and 2 tbsp. soft margarine or butter.

Press firmly against sides and bottom of a 9" pie-plate. Bake 5 min. at 375° F. (or chill and use unbaked "as is"). Chill before using.



LEMON-FLAVOURED gelatin and evaporated milk, in a graham cracker shell, make this delicious low-calorie lemon whip pie.

DINNER

Sardine Saladettes
Panned Veal Chops
with Spinach
Creamed Whole Potatoes
Lemon Whip Pie
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
or Milk

TRICK OF THE CHEF

An electric blender does a quick job of crushing and crumbling graham crackers.

Increased Medical Interest In Citrus Peels

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THOSE orange and lemon peels which you are so accustomed to tossing away as useless seem to be developing into an important medicine chest item. Scientists are extracting chemicals called citrus bioflavonoids from the skins of such fruits.

Bioflavonoids have been known to science for more than 20 years. Just recently, however, medical interest in them has increased. In fact, they were described at a New York Academy of Science seminar as "the most exciting, broad and hopeful field of biological inquiry today."

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There are many natural sources of these chemical substances, but they are most potent in orange and lemon peels.

While they are somewhat similar to vitamins, it hasn't yet been proved that bioflavonoids are as necessary to human life as are vitamins.

They have been used experimentally against such ailments as the common cold, chicken-pox, rheumatic fever, coronary thrombosis, tonsillitis, influenza, polio, abnormal menstruation, diabetic complications — even tooth extractions. And they are often used as supplemental therapy in numerous diseases.

Apparently these bioflavonoids attack disease on a level pretty much overlooked until recently. Their work, it appears, is carried out in the body's 60,000-mile network of capillaries, or tiny blood vessels.

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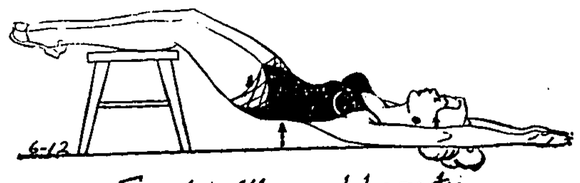
Dr Benjamin W. Zwiefach, an authority on capillaries, believes that capillaries break down or are weakened when some chemical change occurs in the body. Bioflavonoids, he thinks, may strengthen brittle capillaries.

At any rate, more than a dozen drug firms in America are marketing bioflavonoid products and production of them has been trebled recently.

KEEP IN TRIM . . . . BY IDA JEAN KAIN

ANTI-GRAVITY EXERCISES TO BANISH THE MIDDLE SPREAD

A COMMON complaint from perplexed readers: "My figure has spread through the middle even though I haven't gained excess weight."



For health and beauty

Lack of muscle tone is the cause of the spread. When the supporting muscles of the abdomen lose tone, the vital organs tend to sag—and gravity wins. So even though there is no excess fat amidships, the middle measurement can expand.

The correction is to restore bracing tone to the four pairs of abdominal muscles which form nature's girdle. To help counteract the sagging tendency, exercises should be taken from a lying down posture, and preferably one which restores the organs to their normal high position.

To appreciate the importance of toning exercise, understand that the vital organs are surrounded and held in place by muscles. These muscles exercise a certain quickening power over the organs, and the healthy functioning of the organs themselves is influenced by the muscle tone in this area. So, while toned muscles in the middle result in a streamlined appearance, the most rewarding effect is enhanced well-being.

Here are exercises to strengthen the supporting muscles of the abdominal region. They are all taken from a corrective position.

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Position: Lie on back, knees flexed, arms down at sides, palms down.

Movement: Starting from base of spine, lift hips off floor, one vertebrae after another. Then come down, one vertebrae after another, just to waist, leaving buttocks slightly off floor. Repeat 8 times, later more.

Position: Lying on back, legs resting across chair seat with knee-bend at edge of chair, arms down at sides.

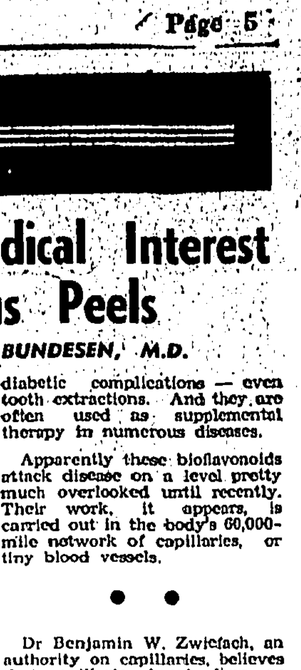
Movement: Raise hips off floor to a straight line, flinging arms back on floor overhead. Hold . . . for a slow count of 10. Keep the abdomen as flat as possible, but be careful not to arch small of back. Lower hips, return arms to sides, and relax. Repeat and hold again. The holding does the toning. Gradually increase the holding time.

Position: Lying on back on floor, knees bent, soles of feet flat on floor, arms out at sides, shoulder level.

Movement: Raise hips slightly off floor and tilt them up to the right, pulling in forcibly with the side-front muscles. Hold. Return to centre, and tilt hips to the left side, again pulling in strongly. Repeat 12 times, alternating sides. Relax.

It's a wise plan to invest a few minutes daily in toning exercise . . . you'll look and feel years younger!

COTTON ENSEMBLE



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

THE well-handled sheath with its own brief jacket is seen in many fabrics this summer. This one is of dark grey cotton with narrow shoulder straps above the camisole-type decolletage, finished off with rhinestone pins at each end. There is a shoestring bow-tie at the Empire waistline and strategic figure-king seaming. The cover-up jacket is lined in red and has the same type shoestring tie from the under arms to centre back. Good for late afternoon into evening use.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Watch your extension cords; nearly every one will show some signs of weakness before it fails. Frayed coverings on fabric-covered cords, brittleness or cracks in rubber-covered cords and loose or bare wires around plugs are danger signals. Better look the cords over occasionally and have them replaced or mended (if possible) before they cause trouble.

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Food dislikes in children arise from a number of causes.

Burnt or otherwise unpalatable food, served once, may prejudice a child against that food. A temper tantrum or spell of crying at a meal may be the reason for subsequent refusals of dishes which were served at that meal.

Discussions of adult food dislikes in the child's presence may also lead to food prejudices, as children quickly imitate their elders, especially those of whom they are particularly fond.

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An electric fan, directed at laundry being dried indoors, decreases the drying time.

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To remove tomato juice or catsup stains, dampen with water, rub with glycerine and then launder.

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Rub a deep scorch stain with soap. Bleach it in sunshine or dampen with peroxide, then launder.

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Hammers, saws and other tools can be protected from rust with a coat of wax.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Don Quixote's Mistake

— He Thought He Saw a Giant With Four Arms —

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow girl with the turned-about name, looked up from the book she was reading. Across the room her brother Knarf was also reading a book.

Knarf, at this moment, was laughing aloud.

"Here, what are you laughing about?" Hanid called over to him.

Knarf said: "I've just read a very funny adventure story."

"About what, dear?" asked Hanid.

"About a windmill," said Knarf.

Hanid exclaimed in surprise. She wondered why a windmill in a story could make her brother Knarf laugh out loud. So she came over and sat beside him while he read her the story.

Four Big Arms

"Most windmills, so the story tells," began Knarf, "are in Holland. But this windmill in the story was in Spain, but it had four big arms which it turned round and round when the wind blew against them."

Hanid asked why windmills turned their arms around when the wind blew and what happened when they did.

"I mean," she added, just to be sure that Knarf understood her, "why are there such things as windmills at all? What good are they?"

"Well," answered Knarf, "windmills, the story says, are a little like sailboats, except that instead of being on the water they are on the land.

For Grinding Corn

"When the wind blows against the sails of a sailboat—which is a little like the arm of a windmill—the wind pushes the sail and the whole boat moves. Now when the wind blows against the arm of a windmill, the arm turns and some machinery inside the windmill house moves. It maybe a machine for grinding corn or for drawing up water. So the corn is really ground by the wind. The wind does all the work.

"That's what the story says. I didn't know it until I read it."

On A Horse

Hanid said she was glad to know this about windmills. "They're quite pretty, too," she said. "But please finish telling me about the story and why it made you laugh."

"Oh, yes," said Knarf. "Well, this windmill was in Spain, as I told you. One day, a knight came riding along on a horse. The knight's name was Don Quixote. The light wasn't very clear. Don Quixote saw four great arms turning round and round. Do you know what he thought they were?"

The windmill had four arms.

"What?" asked Hanid.

"He thought," said Knarf, "that they were the arms of a giant. And instantly he made his horse charge at the great arms—"

"And what happened?" asked Hanid.

Knarf burst out laughing.

"He was thrown off his horse," said Knarf. "And only then, when he was on the ground, did he see the 'giant' was really only a windmill!"

"I know a poem about a windmill," said Hanid. "I do, too," said Knarf.

Then they both recited at the same time:

"Blow, wind, blow,
Go, mill, go,
That the miller can grind his corn,
And the baker can take it
And into rolls make it—"

Rupert and the Fire Bird—11

Rupert watches with growing interest the strange behaviour of his friend, for Pong-Ping next fetches an odd-shaped vase and, after pouring two or three different kinds of oil into it, he lights it. Then, holding the fossil egg with a pair of tongs, he thrusts it into the flames until the tongs get too hot to hold. "What is going to happen? Won't you burst it?" exclaims Rupert as the dazzling egg is laid on a plate. "Keep off!" whispers Pong-Ping, pushing Rupert aside. "There's more to do yet."

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Nobody Seems To Enjoy Wimbledon These Days

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Wilson beats Patty; Ashley Cooper trounces Sven Davidson; Nielsen the Great Dane blows his top; Ayala beats Nielsen; crowd boos Vic Seixas; British girl reaches final; British girl reaches two finals. Yes it all happened at this 1956 Wimbledon.

But take away the headlines that splash the front pages of the world every day of the Championships, take away the tempers and the tantrums, and you are left with tennis, to my mind still basically a game meant to be enjoyed by players and admired by spectators. And where better to see this but Wimbledon, the tennis showpiece of the world and its premier tournament.

That's how it should be. That's how it used to be. But not any more. Nobody seems to enjoy Wimbledon these days. Even allowing for the Hoad-Rosewall final that gave us a glimpse of what real tennis is like, this year's Championships must rank among the dullest ever.

We went to Wimbledon with the feeling that the bottom had dropped out of the tournament with the turning professional of Tony Trabert, last year's classic Champion. We weren't far wrong. There was a general lack of personalities, a lack of colour. Too often there was a lack of tennis.

A BAD DAY

I felt particularly sorry for those hundreds of tennis fans who queued throughout the night and on into the morning to see Saturday's finals. They saw three "walkover" wins with very little in them to enthuse over. What a bad day it must have been when you realise that the Mixed Doubles—the event that is usually regarded as something of a comedy—produces not only the best tennis of the day but the most excitement, the most colour. Why, even the ticket touts had a bad time. Ticket prices that had started the fortnight at five pounds had dropped to thirty shillings by the end of the tournament.

The days of Tilden, Cochet, Borotra, Vines and Budge seem gone for ever. And where Britain is concerned Fred Perry is like a ghost of the glamorous [illegible] last British to win the Men's title and that twenty years ago.

The Australians, the South Africans and even the Americans spent a great deal of time telling us how Becker, Wilson and Davies had improved. They were impressed. But none of them are anywhere near world class. Watching Roger Becker, number one in Britain's Davis Cup squad and the oldest member of the party at 22, storming to within two points of a three-set victory over Chilean Champion Luis Ayala and then throwing it all away by playing like a public parks tennis teenager, I couldn't help feeling that these youngsters need someone like iron-fisted Harry Hopman, until this year Australian manager and now their Davis Cup boss, to lick them into shape.

HOPMAN TREATMENT

Becker's and the other British youngsters' problems were summed up in one short sentence by an Australian reporter: "Becker was afraid to win for fear of being beaten."

British girls to a lesser extent could do with the same Hopman treatment.

And where women are concerned nobody would deny Shirley Fry's right to her title. But as an official remarked to me as we watched Angela Buxton's pitiful display: "Just imagine what Maureen Connolly would do to this bunch." What indeed! Complete with one damaged leg, I would willingly back "Little Mo" against any given woman player this year.

On the credit side one important factor emerged from the Championships in Australia's favour. They have enough young players to be reasonably certain of retaining the Davis Cup for at least another ten years. And none was more impressive than nineteen-year-old Ashley Cooper their third ranking player who sweated through three gruelling five-set matches including a victory over Swedish number one and the number three seed Sven Davidsen in three days yet still looked fit enough for another ten sets.

ON THIN THREAD

But no other country appears to have young players with anything like the potential of these budding Aussie stars. And until someone produces them Wimbledon will remain an apology for the world's number one tournament, hanging on the thin thread of tradition and memories of the past.

All criticism apart, I shall always hold memories of Althea Gibson, the globetrotting Harlem girl who came determined to become the first ever negress to win Wimbledon, who came as nobody's favourite, but stayed to carve a niche in everyone's heart; I shall remember what must be the finest organisation for a tennis tournament anywhere in the world; and last but by no means least I shall remember the tireless energy of those sixty odd lads who cover far greater distances than any player during the course of the tournament, who take more harsh words from bad-tempered players than any line judge, yet remain unmoved—the Wimbledon ball boys.

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Hassall The Cricketer

Remember Harry Hassall, England, Huddersfield, Bolton and Army inside forward? He scored one of the finest International goals for England against Scotland at Wembley. Now he is out of football for ever with a leg injury, but his all-round play has made his cricket club, Astley and Tyldesley Collieries, favourites for the Bolton Association Championship. Harold, one of four brothers in the team, tops the League batting averages and has taken 37 wickets for ten runs apiece.

A Family Concern

Meet the Bradley family of Temple Sowerby, near Penrith. Umpire to the village cricket team is Mr Percy Bradley, and he has five sons playing in the eleven. William is club secretary. Robert is team captain. Percy the youngest recently broke the ground batting record with 165 not out and Charles has also hit a century. Then there is Maurice, and in a game not long ago these five were responsible for all the runs scored by the side.

Ramadhin's Record

"Sonny" Ramadhin, the West Indian Test bowler, has set up a record for the fastest hundred wickets in the Central Lancashire League. This Crompton professional took seven wickets at cheap cost against Royton, and so pipped George Tribe's record. Now "Sonny" is after the most wickets in a season record—154 by Dattu Phadkar last summer. Ramadhin's batting counterpart is Vijay Manjrekar, Castleton Moor's Indian Test professional, who has reached 1,000 runs for the season. Two matches rained-off prevented him beating Frank Worrel's fastest 1,000.

Quicker By Air

There was a sensation when the late Peter Eckersley took the Lancashire cricket team he captained by air from Cardiff to Southampton to fulfil a fixture some years ago. Lancashire were the first and last county side to take to a 'plane, but they are doing so again to save time when they finish their match with Gloucestershire at Blackpool and meet Scotland at Paisley the next day. Gloucester will fly south to Bristol after the game.

OH, BROTHER!

The three brothers Davies have scored useful runs for Bowden, but whereas Harry's average is 24 and Ron's eight, Jack has an average of 173. Reason is that he has been dismissed only once in seven innings.

ROYAL CONGRATULATION

Lieutenant Raymondo d'Inzeo of Italy, astride "Merano", is congratulated by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, centre, and former titleholder H. G. Winkler after winning the World Horse-Jumping Championship.—Express Photo.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPION

America retained the Women's Singles title at Wimbledon when Shirley Fry beat Angela Buxton in the final on July 7.

This picture shows — The Duchess of Kent presenting the trophy to Shirley Fry after her win over the English girl.—Central Press Photo.

BRITISH HOPES SLIM

Smallest Field In Six Years Likely In King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The smallest field since the race was inaugurated in 1951 is likely to be seen in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on July 21. There were only 10 runners when Vimy gave the French their first success in the race last year.

Ribot will represent Italy, Rolstar will probably be left in for Ireland, while the Queen's colt, High Veldt, Chantelsey and Daemon are likely to be the only English colts left in.

I should like to see My Smokey among the English acceptors, but I understand his next race may be at Ascot over a mile in the autumn.

SOUND AGAIN

My Smokey was particularly impressive when winning at Newmarket the other Saturday. The distance was only a mile and a quarter, which is his longest winning distance to date.

All his seven successes have been scored at Newmarket, but now that he is sound again there are few better four-year-olds in the country. And he was placed no further behind the best of his age last season than was the French Kurun, who is the sole representative of the Boussac entourage.

My Smokey comes from a stoutly bred mare, although efforts to train him over a distance have not yet been made.

While the race appears at the mercy of Ribot, English owners must remember that he has still to travel from Italy.

Kurun and Hafiz II have already run together over this course and distance in the Hardwicke Stakes, when both were beaten by Hugh Lupus.

SMALL FIELD

Hugh Lupus was receiving 6lb. from both and, as Hafiz II was the more backward of the two, he should be able to confirm the form with Kurun, especially as the field will be small.

Even without Ribot, an English victory seems to be a long way away. For it is doubtful if the three-year-old High Veldt and Chantelsey are good enough to compete with the French four-year-olds, Hafiz II and Kurun.

Hafiz II, of course, will have had a race the previous week—in the Eclipse Stakes on Saturday. And it is to be hoped that Pirate King gives him a sufficiently hard race to sap some of his energy for the following week.

When at his best—and he is just coming to his best—Hafiz II is a much better colt than he has generally been given credit for being.

If Ribot can leave Hafiz II standing when they enter the straight, then it will be safe to say that Ribot is the best horse seen by the present generation of racegoers.

—(London Express Service).

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Ron Barton And Manager To Appear Before British Board Of Control

Ron Barton, British Cruiserweight Champion, and his manager Arthur Boggis are to appear before the British Boxing Board of Control this month.

The board are enquiring into the recurrence of Barton's back injury which interfered with his training for the Empire title fight which he lost to Canada's Gordon Wallace.

Meanwhile Barton's contest with Randolph Turpin, which was to have been held this month, has been shelved and his European title fight with Germany's Gerhadt Hecht postponed from August to September.

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Pat Neil, the grammer schoolboy who at 17 played in Olympic soccer for Britain, for England in amateur internationals and in the First Division for Portsmouth, will help the Combined University side, Pegasus, next season. And Portsmouth couldn't be more pleased.

"We should, of course, like him to turn professional with us," says Portsmouth manager Eddie Lever. "But he is going to Cambridge University and we want him to play for Pegasus." Many amateur internationals have played for Pegasus, but Neil would be the first to join them as a player already capped.

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Dai Dower, British and Empire Flyweight Champion, will challenge Pascual Perez, of the Argentine, for the world title in London next September. Perez's manager, Lazaro Koci, made this surprise announcement after the Champion has successfully defended his title by stopping Oscar Suarez, of Cuba, in the eleventh round, the other week.

Koci will apparently defy the National Boxing Association of America by taking Dower next. The NBA have ruled that Mexico's Memo Diez should be Perez's next challenger. Says Koci, "Diez's turn will come. But for the moment Dower will be Pascual's first challenger."

This great news for Welshman Dower and his manager Nat Seller comes after long months of negotiations and just when they had given up hope of ever getting a chance of fighting for the world title.

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Terry Miller, one of the greatest water polo centre-forwards in the world, is returning to the game after a year's break. He plays for England against Spain on July 18—a match which is part of Britain's Olympic preparations. Miller, a 25-year-old London bank clerk, gave up water polo last season to concentrate on Rugby Union and try to get an England "cap". But he has found the pull of water polo too strong.—London Express Service.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

In Every Picture There's Always Conflict Between The Man And The Woman

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Katy Jurado is doing her best to help keep alive a theory that Latins are a fiery bunch. Her most recent efforts include slapping a co-star harder than the script indicated.

Slapping, brawling and fighting in general between a man and a woman are fine for a girl's film career, she said. But when the Latin blood resented an action by co-star Anthony Quinn, things got out of hand.

"In every picture there is always conflict between the man and the woman," she said. "To make this conflict more real, it helps if you fight with the man first—then your fight scenes in the picture will seem more true. The same thing applies to love scenes—it's always more real when you make up after a fight."

HE'S WONDERFUL

Miss Jurado's semi-spontaneous and unrehearsed fisticuffs with Quinn occurred during a scene for "The Lonely Gunman," a Robert L. Jacks production for United Artists release.

Things began warming up when the pair exchanged a few not kind words as temperament reared its head. They didn't quite agree on the way the scene should be played. It called for Quinn to slap Miss Jurado.

As things worked out, Quinn did slap Miss Jurado. And she in turn thought he slapped her a bit too hard, so she reacted in kind by swinging at him with vigour.

Things were tense for a moment, and then both of them laughed.

"I like to fight with my leading man," she said later. "It's good for my acting and good for my career."

There's nothing really personal about Miss Jurado's bouts. In the case of Quinn, she's so happy about everything that she's anxious to make another film with him.

"He gets me so mad, but he's wonderful," she said.

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There's a stagecoach out here in the Wild West that has been robbed more than any other stage. As a matter of fact, it's still being robbed every Saturday and Sunday and on holidays.

It also is robbed whenever a script calls for it. The stage is located at what is probably the world's most unusual ranch, Corriganville.

The 2,000-acre area is in the north end of the San Fernando Valley and is used all week for making films, usually westerns. On week-ends and holidays it's open to the public. At such times the stage is robbed and the bank is held up on schedule for visitors.

The movie location ranch is ideally situated for westerns. Its terrain is varied with hills, some flatlands, canyons, several "streets" of the type of community associated with westerns, a stream, a forest and caves in hill-sides.

DAILY RADIO

Corriganville entertains its visitors also with a daily rodeo which, unlike the holdups of the Silvertown Stage and the Silvertown Bank, is definitely not faked. Top cowboy riders compete for prizes, and many camera fans save their film for the bucking broncos.

Corriganville is necessarily rugged in order to keep its atmosphere of being a pocket of the Old West. Roads, for example, are unimproved. A horsedrawn shuttle service takes visitors around the area. Kids clambering around the hills find "undiscovered" caves to explore.

Camera bugs also are intrigued by seeing actors and actresses sauntering around the ranch in western costume. Other favourite subjects include a Corsican village, a Mexican street, Fort Apache and a section of the Burma Road.

The western motif is carried through even further. For those who lug their own chow, there are picnic and barbecue facilities. And for those who come unprepared, there are even chuck wagon type restaurants.

The most modern "improvement" of Corriganville probably is a parking lot, but it has been kept outside the entrance gate.

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Something told Charles Cooper that he, as a westerner, should go east. He did, and he's never regretted it. Now he alternates successfully between the coasts.

Cooper's latest theatrical activity is the role of the detective in Warners' "The Wrong Man." He was chosen for the part by a fellow who by this time should know a little about how detectives look — Alfred Hitchcock. Hitchcock's stars in the production are Henry Fonda and Vera Miles.

The producer-director's choice has made Cooper's east-west cycle even more confusing. It's his first feature film, however—that much is sure.

Cooper began by leaving San Francisco for New York where he made good on the stage. But before he left for Broadway, the actor had won an athletic scholarship to Stanford, where he was a pre-med student and had served as a 20th Bomber Command pilot in the China-Burma-India theatre of war.

There was an important preliminary bit of work Cooper turned in before leaving the Golden State. He started as a child radio actor when he was 11 years old as one of the original cast of children in "One Man's Family."

Cooper's stage work has included "The Rainmaker," "Stalag 17," "Caesar and Cleopatra" and the London production of "Mr Roberts." He has credits with major TV shows, too.

The actor came back to California for shooting in "The Wrong Man" and found that some location shots would be made in New York.

When the film is completed here, Cooper won't change his living plans. He'll just go to New York again for a fall show on Broadway.

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Laraine Day is delighted with her newest film role — there isn't a doctor, nurse or roll of gauze for miles around.

Miss Day remembers only too well that she began her film career in the "Dr Kildare" series. The series ended in 1939, and she still receives numerous reminders of her portrayal of nurse Mary Lamont.

"I'd planned to make only one or two Kildare films, but I actually completed nearly a dozen. I guess," she said. "Finally I realised I had to get out of the business of being typed as a nurse. The only way we could do it was to have Mary killed accidentally is one of the scripts."

Miss Day said the mere death of the character of Mary didn't discourage a lot of people. In fact, it gave some the idea that she was available for other nursing roles.

FREE AT LAST

"For 12 straight years after the Kildare films were finished I received at least one or two scripts a week for approval—all with a nurse as a heroine," she said. "At least one-third of my fan mail asked for medical advice.

"I'm sure that I received at least 100 letters from physicians offering me employment in their offices. And, believe it or not, I still receive a few scripts about nurses even though the last Kildare film was made 17 years ago."

Miss Day understandably views with relief her new role in Universal-International's "Toy Tiger." She stars with Jeff Chandler and Tim Hovey, and the story contains no iodine, or nurse.

"It's a comedy," she said, beaming.. "I play a woman advertising executive—and there is no doctor visible anywhere."

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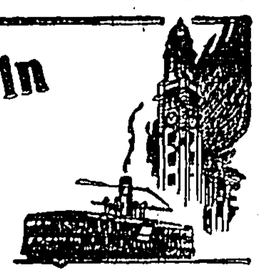

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A stone's throw from Piccadilly Circus, the heart of London, with the roar of traffic beating against the windows, 40 pairs of nimble hands busily stitch at the colours and standards of the Regiments of the Commonwealth. From the floor above comes the clatter-clack of the looms weaving the gold and silver galloons, fringes and bullions that adorn the work of the embroiderers.

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Sir John designs a Squadron Standard produce the necessary information for the firm to work from and issue a certificate that the Standard has been accurately manufactured.

Every colour borne by any regiment of the British Army is designed by the Inspector and agreed in all its details. No alteration may be made without his authority. He approves the layout of the battle honours awarded for service during the war and all other details, no matter how small. And Miss Miller sees that it is so.

In the main embroidery room, occupying every frame, that are nothing more than much larger versions of those used by the average domestic needlewoman, highly trained and skilled women and girls stitch in silk or threads of precious metals upon damasks or other fine silks the insignia of regiment or squadron.

BATTLE HONOURS

The colours of the Royal West African Frontier Force were made in the old building for the six battalions of The Service Regiment, the three battalions of the Gold Coast Regiment, the Sierra Leone Regiment and the Gambia Regiment.

On a blue silk ground, the Flying Fish emblem of the Royal West African Frontier Force is surmounted by the Crown and enclosed by a framework of rose, thistle and shamrock. In yellow and black lettering are proclaimed the name of the Regiment, with the Battalion Number in the upper corner, and battle honours inscribed upon the field. The colour of the 5th Battalion, The Nigeria Regiment records Ashanti 1873-4, Ashanti 1900; then follow Behobeho, Nyangao, East Africa 1916-18, Duala, Garua, Banyo and the Cameroons 1914-16, that all may see where men fought and died, lost and won in the service of the Crown.

The colours of the six battalions of the King's African Rifles, the regiments of the West Indies, of Fiji, Malaya, Hongkong and Rhodesia have all come from the same ingenious fingers.

HIGHLY-SKILLED WORK

The women who record these glories of armed affray upon the banners of military might come to their apprenticeship straight from school. For years they learn the intricacies of stitch until the most complicated design, in a spectrum of colours, may be entrusted to them.

And it is a fact that among the 40 heads bent over the silk and threads but one pair of eyes demanded spectacles—thus laying the bogey of sight damaged by the finest of fine work.

The looms, the chatter of which faintly reaches the street below, are in the care of Herbert Searle. For over half a century he has tended the machines whose flying shuttles produce the gold braids, laces and fringes used in the decoration of colours and standards.

Herbert Searle has forgotten perhaps he has never known the hundreds, maybe thousands of miles of woven decorations that have passed through his hands. Some come from hand looms, others from power-driven machines, some is for the headwear of "top brass", some for the full-dress trappings of humbler soldiers. But Searle reckons to produce miles more yet, before he transfers his charges to other hands.

OLD AND NEW

In the ground floor showrooms of this establishment are glass-topped table displays and wall cases enclosing the insignia of former days; insignia today recognised by few except the encyclopaedic Miss Miller. In drawers and cupboards, protected by wrappings of tissue, in some instances by special cases, lie the colours and standards awaiting repair or alteration. Here also are the newly-finished works of the embroidery room above, gleaming with glossy colour, gold and silver gloating in the light.

Here are the treasures of Brigade of Guards and Household Cavalry, Line Regiments and specialised corps. From headquarters in the heat and damp of Africa, Asia, America and the Pacific, colours come for care and attention; and the new ones go forth.

Limbless Artist To Wed

Ontario, July 16.

Kathleen Hart, 39-year-old artist who was born without forearms and lower legs, announced today she would be married this autumn to Mr Nelson Ellis, an interior decorator here.

Miss Hart has made a name for herself in the flora and still-life media and also likes to do fancy sewing.

Miss Hart drives a car fitted with special controls. She uses artificial legs but says she can get along better without artificial hands.—China Mail Special.

FIRM MAKES

Czech Flees To Britain

Pictured as he was welcomed at London Airport by his English wife, Margaret, and the elder of their two children is Mr V. Vogel, the well-known Czechoslovakian orchestral conductor. Mr Vogel had just flown in from Berlin to seek political asylum. He was conducting the Prague National Theatre Opera in East Berlin, and crossed into West Berlin.—Reuterphoto.

Franco May Hint At Plans For Successor

Madrid, July 16.

General Francisco Franco is expected to refer tomorrow to plans for his succession as Spain's head of state and for possible modification in the present political regime.

He is to address the Falange National Council here on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of the Spanish civil war on July 18, 1936.

Well informed sources think that General Franco, now 63 years old, will refer to extensive recent studies regarding new constitutional laws to decide how the wide executive powers he now holds will be divided up between a king, a prime minister and representative bodies, when the Caudillo dies or withdraws.

What interests political observers most is whether General Franco will indicate any possibility of his trying out in the near future some partial changes in the political structure of the regime, such as the naming of a prime minister.

There is no doubt that General Franco regards the 18-year-old Prince Juan Carlos of Bourbon as the probable future king of Spain.

Prince Juan Carlos finished his first year as an officer-cadet at Saragossa Military Academy yesterday.—China Mail Special.

Ban Lifted

Amman, July 16.

Jordan and Syria officially lifted all travel restrictions between them in a border ceremony attended by high officials of the two countries today.

King Hussein of Jordan was represented by the chief of his royal Cabinet, Bahjat Talhouni.—France-Presse.

New Cruise For The Sailor King

Copenhagen, July 16.

King Frederik of Denmark, probably accompanied by Queen Ingrid and the two youngest princesses, Anne-Marie and Benedikte, is expected to arrive in London aboard the Danish Royal Yacht Dannebrog on July 25.

The purpose of the visit, which will be private and last until about August 1, is to fetch Princess Margrethe home from her year's schooling in England. The 16-year-old heir to the Danish throne is in her last term at the English girls' boarding school, North Foreland Lodge. After sailing home in the Dannebrog she will have a month's holiday and continue her education under private tutors in the Royal Palace of Amalienborg here.

245 Feet Long

Londoners can expect to see the Dannebrog lying in the Thames between Tower Bridge and London Bridge. She is a small, intimate ship only a quarter of the size of Queen Elizabeth's royal yacht Britannia—a white, motor yacht 246 feet long and of 1,200 tons displacement. It is the first time the Dannebrog will have visited London.

KING FREDERIK

During the summer months the Dannebrog (it is the name of the red and white Danish flag) becomes a floating home for the Danish Royal Family, helping to bring them closer to the Danish people. They take frequent cruises around the 450 Danish islands, often dropping in unexpectedly at small harbours.

King Frederik, a first-class sailor, sometimes likes to take a turn at steering the yacht himself. Some time ago he aroused admiration by his excellent seamanship in bringing the Dannebrog in bad weather through a difficult channel in the approaches to Rudkoebing harbour.

The King's cruises this year aboard the Dannebrog include one to the island of Langeland where he attended the wedding of Mr Graeme Gordon, son of a Harley Street surgeon, to Countess Kirsten Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, and another to Bornholm island where he went deer-hunting in the State Forest.

The Dannebrog's cruises in Danish waters are often the occasion for charming demonstrations of affection towards the Royal Family.

Thousands Of Roses

When the royal yacht sailed through Guldborgsund, the narrow channel between the islands of Lolland and Falster, in June, a local horticulturist threw thousands of white and red roses (the Danish national colours) down from the bridge across the sound, so the Dannebrog sailed through a sea of roses.

The bow-sprit, golden crown and other gilt bowhead ornamentation Londoners will see are largely new. They had to be replaced this Spring after a British frigate, the Redpole, was involved in a slight collision with the Dannebrog in Copenhagen in a high wind.

King Frederik was on his way back to Denmark from England at the time after accompanying Princess Margrethe back to school. When told of the incident and extent of the damage, his only comment was: "Is that all."

The Dannebrog was built in 1932 for King Frederik's father, Christian X, at a cost of only 1,750,000 kroner (about £90,000 sterling).

Not Unseaworthy

Besides sleeping cabins for the Royal Family, their guests and the ship's crew she contains a hall, a lounge, studies for the King and Queen, a smoking-room, a library, and a big dining-room which can seat 40 guests, as well as two galleys, one for the Royal Family and one for the crew.

Although the Dannebrog has not been to Britain before and normally sails in Denmark's sheltered waters, she is by no means unseaworthy. Before the war she sailed to Iceland and the Faroe islands and in 1952 took the Danish Royal Couple on a cruise lasting nearly three months among the icebergs of Greenland.

Royal yachts have a special place in King Frederik's heart. The present royal yacht's predecessor, also called Dannebrog, was an old paddle-steamer which was broken up in 1931 after 52 years service. Aboard her King Frederik first learned his love of the sea in 1912 as a 12 year old boy. He and his younger brother, Prince Knud, were enrolled as members of the ship's crew with the numbers 461 and 462. The yacht's commander, Captain Hector Klaer, wanted to keep the boys out of mischief, by giving them something useful to do.

More Romantic

King Frederik was so proud of bearing the number that he recalls the fact today in one of his royal cars which has the number "461".

The associations with the present Dannebrog are perhaps more romantic. As Crown Prince he sailed aboard her to Stockholm in 1935 to marry Princess Ingrid of Sweden, returning home again to Copenhagen with his royal bride.—China Mail Special.

Russians Visit Parliament

London, July 16.

Russia's top woman Communist visited Parliament today.

Ekaterina Furtseva, only woman member of the Soviet presidium, visited the House of Commons at the head of a 16-man Soviet delegation.

She was welcomed by British Housing Minister Duncan Sandys who said he hoped the Russian visit would bring about "closer understanding between our two countries."

The Soviet delegation is here for 11 days at the invitation of the British Branch of the Inter-parliamentary Union.—United Press.

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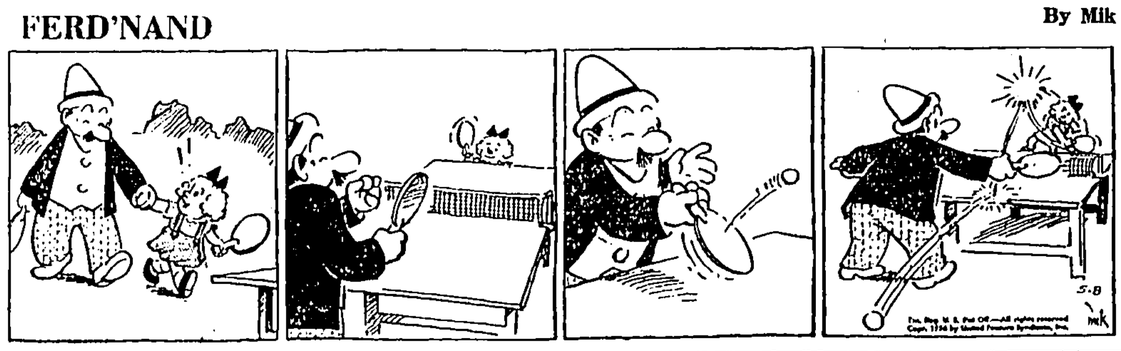

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

OEEC MEETING STARTS TODAY

Wide Range Of Subjects To Be Discussed

From Ronald Boxall

London, July 16.

A very full agenda awaits the ministers of the 17 member countries of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation who meet in Paris tomorrow.

So wide is the range of subjects which now come within the purviews of the organisation that the ministers will be discussing such diverse topics as nuclear energy and currency convertibility.

But the chief item on the agenda will be connected with the freeing of trade. It is in this field that the organisation has had its greatest success and the aim of meeting will be to consolidate past achievements and pave the way for further advances towards the goal of unrestricted trade between West European countries.

Last Decision

European trade increased in volume by a half between 1950 and 1955 and is still growing. What is more, most of it is entirely unfettered by government restrictions.

The last OEEC policy decision on intra European trade was taken in January 1955 when it was agreed that members should remove restrictions on at least 90 per cent of their imports from other members. The deadline for this target was October 1, 1955.

Now the time has come for the ministers to review the progress of this trade liberalisation programme. The record is heartening. Nearly 80 per cent of all intra European trade is free from restrictions. Moreover, several countries have extended their liberalisation outside the area. Some members have made more progress than others. West Europe as a whole has now freed over half of its imports from the dollar area.

It is unlikely the ministers will immediately at any rate set a new target for liberalisation. Rather they will concentrate on consolidating the gains already made and prodding the stragglers whose efforts have fallen short of the average. Britain is among the latter, having freed only 84.8 per cent of her imports from other West European countries.

Opposition

But this does not mean that momentum of the trade liberalisation programme will be lost. For some time now certain members have felt that the removal of physical restrictions on trade should have become increasingly difficult to resist.

Members who opposed this view—generally speaking those with relatively high tariff—argued that this was a matter for GATT and not OEEC. Last year, however, they agreed to tackle the European tariff problem with the framework of GATT negotiations which were then imminent.

The results have left low tariff countries far from satisfied and the matter is due to come up again for discussion this week.

The Paris meeting will also consider a number of other important subjects. But little is likely to be said about convertibility, the subject which has dominated recent meetings of the group.

Plans have already been made for setting up the machinery which will come into operation when the major European currencies are made fully convertible. In the meantime these plans are in abeyance and the European Payments Union has been renewed for another year from the beginning of this month.

British Policy

The British Treasury took the opportunity last week of reiterating their policy on convertibility. This it recalled was laid down by Mr R. A. Butler last September when he promised to maintain the sterling exchange parity at 2.80 dollars "either in existing circumstances or when sterling is convertible."

Mr Butler then said—and the Treasury has now reaffirmed—that Britain does not contemplate any early move on any—"and I repeat any"—aspects of the exchange front.

But Britain's policy makers are not standing still while "the arduous process of strengthening our internal and competitive position" prior to declaring sterling convertible is going on. They are already looking ahead to a time when West Europe may cease to be a group of separate economic units and become a single economic bloc with a single external tariff but no internal tariff and in which capital and labour will be free to move without restriction.

Revolutionary

Britain's attitude to this revolutionary proposal was outlined recently by Sir Edward Boyle, Economic Secretary to the Treasury. He told the House of Commons that the Government "realised completely" the "advantages which the countries inside the area should gain—that is to say a great single market within which industry could be developed to its best economic use possessed a great bargaining power in its negotiations outside against outside competition."

The Government had not yet reached a decision on this proposal which Sir Edward described as "one of the most important policy matters we have ever had before us" but it was not "ruling out any possibilities for the future."

"The biggest obstacle to Britain's participation in a European common market would be her existing obligations to the Commonwealth. But the tone of Sir Edward's statement suggests that in the Government's view this is not insuperable. — London Express Service.

COTTON SUBSIDY URGED

Washington, July 16.

United States textile manufacturers urged passage today of a bill to provide an indirect US subsidy to textile mills for four years.

But Agriculture Department representatives opposed the bill, and said they would have their own cotton products export programme ready within a few days.

Both sides testified in hearings before the Senate Agriculture Committee on a bill, introduced by Republican Senator Margaret Chase Smith, to authorise the sale of up to 750,000 surplus bales of cotton now held by the Government to textile mills at a price low enough to enable the industry to compete with foreign textile prices. United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, July 16.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures contract today closed 75 to 100 points higher with sales of 76 contracts.

The standard contract closed 70 to 105 points with sales of 14 contracts.

Closing prices:

No. 1 Rss

July	34.25
Sept	32.85
Dec	33.15

Standard contract

July	30.85-31.05
Sept	32.70
Dec	30.60
Mar	29.60
May	28.80
July	28.20

Market action was coupled, with the advance at London, plus buying by commission houses and brokers with foreign connections, while offerings slackened. Best part of the day's action took place in the last quarter hour before the close.

In the spot market, dealers detected a slight improvement in consumer interest, with factories "nibbling." Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted nominally 34 cents a pound.

SINGAPORE

The market opened steady and advanced on unconfirmed rumours that the prospective strike by Goodrich workers at Akron was off.

There was little factory offtake. Futures:

No. 1 Rss per lb	Aug.	92½-92¾
	Sept	91¾-91½
	Oct	unquoted
No. 2 rubber Aug		87¾-88¼
No. 3 " "		86-87
No. 4 " "		83½-84½
Spot rubber unbaled		92¼-92¾
Blanket crepe		73-75
No. 1 pale crepe		110-113

LONDON

The market was quietly steady with spot quoted at 26⅞ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	26¾-27
Settlement house term:	
Aug.	26⅞-27⅛
Sept.	26⅞-27⅛
Oct./Dec.	26¼-26⅜
Jan./Mar.	25¼-25⅜
Apr./June	24¾-24⅞
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
July	26¾-27
Aug.	26⅝-26⅞
Sept.	26¼-26½

Estate crepe thin July unquoted, Aug. 33½; thick unquoted.

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Aug. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.62 nom.
No. 2 rubber	2.58 nom.
No. 3 rubber	2.53 nom.
No. 1 crepe	3.15 nom.

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $1,070,000. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:—

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	1000		
East Asia			20 @ 240
INSURANCES			
Union	990		
Lombard		47	
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	23.60		
" (New)	22.40		
Wheelock	9.30	9.35	2,500 @ 9.35
DOCKS, ETC			
K Wharf	91		
Dock	42¼	42¾	2,000 @ 42½
Prov (O)	14.60	14.70	20 @ 14.50
			3700 @ 14.60
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel	14.80	14.90	1000 @ 14.90
			2000 @ 14.90
HK Land	66	67	100 @ 67
Humphreys		16.40	
Realty	1.47½	1.50	
RUBBER			
Amalg	1.475	1.50	20,000 @ 1.50
			6700 @ 1.475
Trust	1.60	1.65	10,024 @ 1.60
UTILITIES			
Tram	24.60	24.70	1600 @ 24.70
Star Ferry	140	143	100 @ 141
Yaumati	115	116	200 @ 115
			200 @ 116
C. Light (O)	25	25.10	132 @ 25.20
			1000 @ 25.10
C. Light (N)	22.30	22.40	7,200 @ 22.40
Electric	32	32½	3,300 @ 32½
Telephone	20	20.10	1000 @ 20
			1,200 @ 20.50
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	30½	30¾	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	10.60	10.70	400 @ 10.60
			500 @ 10.60
Watson	12½	12.80	
Lane Craw	20		
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtze		7.10	
Allied XD	5.35	5.45	1000 @ 5.40

London Foreign Exchange

London, July 16.

New York	2.79⅝-2.79 11/16
Montreal	2.74 11/16-2.74¾
Amsterdam	10.64-10.64⅛
Frankfurt	11.67⅛-11.67⅝
Milan	1746-1747
Paris	980-980¼
Zurich	12.15⅛-12.15⅜

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

WALL STREET ADVANCE CONTINUES ON INCREASED VOLUME

New York, July 16.

Stocks surged toward their bull market highs on increased volume today.

Gains of four and three points were numerous throughout the list as the market chalked up its eighth gain in the last nine sessions.

Since July 3, when the present advance got underway, almost 5 billion has been added to market valuations.

Oils were strong among industrial issues. Utilities hit a new bull market high, with Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line up 4. Rails firmed.

The biggest gains were rung up by stocks that are not used to calculate the averages.

Gulf Oil featured its group, rising $3.25 to $134.50 a share. Royal Dutch added more than 2 and Standard Oil (New Jersey) and Texas Co. more than 1 each.

Good Earnings

The upswing was strengthened by good earnings reports for the first half of the year and continued signs of economic strength within the economy.

The Dow-Jones industrial average closed at 512.98, up 1.88 points from Friday and only 8.07 points below the all-time high of 521.05 set on April 6.

Volume rose to 2,260,000 shares from 2,020,000 shares on Friday.

Many stocks set new highs for the year during the day. Best performers included Kaiser Aluminium, up 3.13 to $62.75 a share; St Regis Paper up 2.25 to $58.25; National Supply 2 to $78.

Of the 1,166 issues traded today, 561 advanced, 363 declined and 242 held unchanged.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,200,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,420,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	512.98
20 rails	168.30
15 utilities	69.91
65 stocks	181.47
40 bonds	96.02
Comm future price index	158.24
Comm. spot price index	164.80
Moody's index	412.20

Otis Elevators	46¼
Owen-Illinois Glass	79¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	50⅝
Pan American Airways	20¼
Paramount Pictures	32⅜
Parke Davis Co.	52
Penny J. C. Co.	96⅛
Penn. Salt Co.	53¾
Philip Morris	46⅛
Procter & Gamble Co	50⅞
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	87⅞
Publicker Industries	9⅜
Pure Oil	46¼
Radio Corporation	45⅜
Republic Steel	48¼
Reynolds Metal	87¼
Shell Oil Co	80⅛
Saint Reg. Paper	58¼
Sinclair Oil	66⅞
Socony Mobiloil	69⅛
South Puerto Rico Sugar	20¼
Southern National Gas	36⅜
Southern Railway (Com)	54¼
Standard Brands	39⅜
Standard Oil of Cal	55¾
Standard Oil of Ind	61¾
Standard Oil of N J	59⅛
Sterling Drug Co	34¼
Stokely-Van Camp	20
Studebaker-Packard Corp	7⅛
Swift & Co	49
Texas Co	66⅜
Tide Water Asso Oil	43
Twenty Century Fox Film	24¾
Union Carbide	149¼
Union Pacific Railway	173
United Aircraft	74¼
U S Gypsum	69½
U S Line Co	29¼
U S Rubber	53⅝
U S Smelting	59½
U S Steel	61¼
Warner Bros	26¾
Westinghouse Electric	64⅝
West Va Pulp & Paper	61¼
Woolworth	48¼

—United Press.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc Acy	$20
Allied Chemicals	117⅝
Allied Mills Inc.	34⅞
Allis Chalmers	30⅞
American Airline	25⅛
American Cable & Radio Corp.	5⅝
American Cyanamide Co.	73¼
Am. Mach. & F'dry	28⅞
American Metal	31¾
American Smelting	54⅛
Am. Sugar Ref.	93⅛
American Tel. & Tel.	181⅞
American Tob. "B"	79⅜
Anaconda Copper	76⅜
Armco Steel	61⅜
Armour	19⅜
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	15
Baltimore & Ohio	54⅛
Bendix Aviation Corp.	55⅛
Benguet Cons.	1⅜
Bethlehem Steel	160¾
Boeing Airplane	83⅛
Borden (The) Co.	61
Burroughs Add Machine	42¾
Canadian Pacific R.	32½
Case (J. I.) Co.	14
Cat. Tractor	40¾
Celanese Corp.	12
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	17⅛
Chase Manhat. Bank	50½
Chrysler Motors	64¾
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	57½
Commercial Credit	51¼
Commonwealth Elec.	42¼
Consolidated Edison	40
Continental Oil of Del.	125
Crane Co.	38⅛
Crown Zellerbach	64⅞
Cuban Amer. Sugar	10
Diamond Alkali	57½
Dow Chemicals	79⅛
Dupont de Nemours	218¼
Eastman Kodak	88¼
El Paso National Gas	55⅞
Erie Railroad	20⅞
Family Finance Corp.	24⅞
Ford Motor	58⅛
General Electric	62
General Foods	40⅜
General Motors	47⅜
Gen. Pub. Util.	37
Getty Oil	50⅞
Glidden Co.	39⅞
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	84⅜
Goodyear Tire	77⅜
Heyden Chemical	18¼
Homstake Mining Co.	33
Ingersoll-Rand	88
Inland Steel Co.	79⅛
Interchemical Corp.	55
Int'l Business Machines	518
Int'l Harvester	38⅞
International Nickel	99⅛
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Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	60
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Louisville & Nashville R.	99⅜
Lowenstein & Sons.	22⅞
Mesabi Iron & Corp.	53⅞
Minnesota Mining	78⅜
Mission Development	37¼
Monsanto Chemical Co.	42⅞
Montgomery Ward	43⅜
National Cash Reg. "A"	50⅛
National Dairy Prod.	41⅛
National Lead	118⅛
National Steel Corp.	68
New York Central	38⅛
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Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, July 17.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co Ltd	$1.55
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	51/3d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord	29/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord	$1.87
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref	$5.50
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp	$915 cd
Hongkong Tin Ltd	5/9
Kempas Ltd	$1.70
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd	0.73
Malayan Breweries	$2.70
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd	$1.75
Petaling Tin Ltd	$3.37
Raffles Hotel	$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.80 cd
South British Insurance Co Ltd	$30.00
Straits Trading	$24.00
" Steamship	$13.80
United Engineers Ord	$8.80
Wearne Bros	$2.97

—China Mail Special.

New York Cotton Futures Rally

New York, July 16.

Abated liquidation and a moderate trade demand brought rallying tendencies in cotton futures today.

After three sessions of sagging prices, the market also responded to scattered buying on technical reasons.

Closing on a rally the list finished net 11 to 17 points higher. Opening prices were unchanged to up 7 points. New Orleans closed 11 points higher.

Strength in wheat futures, plus an improved mill demand for spot, and the higher trend of most other commodity markets helped to brace the price structure in cotton.

The Government's decision to cease selling wheat for export at cut-rate prices, and allow private handlers to fill foreign inquiries from the open market, had a sentimental influence.

Cotton merchants have been urging a change in the Government's policy of selling surplus cotton on a competitive bid basis.

Old crop July contracts, which expired on Friday, marked the end of the middling 15/16 inch contract. Futures trading now is based on middling one inch cotton.

The New York Cotton Exchange announced, commencing August 1, the daily spot quotations at New York will be on the one-inch basis.

Memphis accounts mentioned a definite increase in mill interest in spot cotton last week. Sales were made in volume for shipment August through March.

The certificated stock rose 21 bales to 6,573 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
July	35,700	800,000
Oct	22,700	275,200
Dec	31,200	516,100
Mar	12,700	310,400
May	9,700	153,300
July	2,000	120,100
Oct	1,800	31,000
Dec	200	4,400
Total	115,900	1,418,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	36.15n
October	32.49
December	32.59-60
March	32.69
May	32.41
July	31.82
October	30.96
December	30.99

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.00
October	32.51
December	32.61
March	32.69
May	32.42
July	31.77
October	30.95
December	30.97

LIVERPOOL

The cotton Association here today launched trading in a new cotton futures contract.

Up to now, the principal Liverpool contract has permitted only delivery of US grown cotton.

On the new contract growths from Mexico, Syria, Nigeria, East Africa and the United States will be deliverable.

Growths other than American have been attaining greater importance in recent season's as the US share of the world market has diminished because of government selling policies.

Today's closing prices in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
July/Aug.	28.00
New contract	
July/Aug.	24.00
Oct./Nov	23.25
Dec./Jan.	22.98
Mar./Apr.	22.78
May/June	22.30
July/Aug.	24.10

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

October	36.61
December	38.55
May	39.55
July	unquoted

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 34.84 cents. United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, July 16.

Canada		$1.01 13/16
England	official	2.79 23/32
"	30-day futures	2.79 5/32
"	90-day futures	2.78 3/16
Australia		2.23⅝
New Zealand		2.78¼
South Africa		2.80⅛
Belgium		0200⅛

—United Press

New York Sugar Market

New York, July 16.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 25 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 169 contracts.

World futures were steady most of the day, reflecting reports of an improved demand for raws at the year's high price of 3.38 cents a pound fob.

A British refiner reportedly bought a cargo of Cubans at 3.39 cents and a parcel of Dominican raws at 3.47 cents, fob. Syria also was the accredited buyer of Dominican, or Cuban raws at about the same basis. Unconfirmed reports indicated China bought, or was interested in buying, Cuban refined sugar. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

Sept.	3.38
Oct.	3.37
Mar.	3.27
May	3.27
July	3.27
Sept.	3.27
Spot-(cents per lb fob Cuba)	3.39

Contract No. 6

Sept.	5.60
Nov.	5.61
Mar.	5.52
Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.60

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET QUIET

London, July 16.

Stocks were generally firm in quiet trading on the London Exchange today.

Prime Minister Eden's cautious weekend statement about Britain's economic position restrained trading but did not noticeably dampen sentiment.

Oils highlighted, with Royal Dutch up 10s to a new high at £85. Shell Transport and Burmah added more than two shillings—the latter hitting a new peak at 111s 9d. British Petroleum was active but failed to follow the leaders.

Changes in the main body of industrials were small. Shipping shares were firm. American buying helped bring scattered gains elsewhere. Borax deferred featured on the upside, adding nearly 12s. Bowater managed a small advance.

British Government bonds showed an easier tendency in quiet trading. Metal shares also were quiet. Gold shares tended lower.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U S dollar (per $1)	5.97
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.00
Australian notes (per £1)	12.48
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	18.10
Siam tical (per 100)	27.40
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

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ON THE HOUSE

THE big hotel's kitchens were getting through too much food, and the management was worried. It was not that they grudged their patrons the generous portions dispensed in the glittering restaurants, grill-rooms and dining-rooms, but selling food was one thing, losing it was another. The food that was disappearing was not being ordered or paid for by the cash customers.

The hotel's management made contact with the police. Shortly afterwards a sharp-eyed observer might have noticed that there were always two men hanging about near the hotel's staff doors at times when the staff came out. The two were policemen.

UNSUSPECTING

THEY had not been long on watch, when Bertha emerged from the hotel, a grey-haired, heavily-built woman who carried a shopping bag.

As she advanced, unsuspecting, towards the two policemen, they stepped from their vantage point and barred her path. "Mind showing us what's in that bag you've got?" one said.

Pane seized Bertha for a moment, then "Certainly," she said. "Thirty years here have not accustomed her to the English soft 'c' or 's.'"

Trembling, Bertha opened her bag. Inside were stowed 50 eggs. "Are these yours?" the policeman asked. Bertha nodded. But how were coming "Where did you get them?" the policeman pressed. Bertha admitted she had stolen them from the hotel.

TOMATOES, ORANGES

THE police took her back to the hotel. They began to ask her questions and to send for column-faced and senior members of the staff.

"Excuse me," Bertha said, after the questioning had gone on for a little while. "I would like to go to the dressing-room. I will hang my coat there."

She was allowed to go. She did not notice that she was followed. In the dressing-room she began to empty from her pockets tomatoes, oranges, margarine. The watcher stepped forward. "Did you take those, too?" Elizabeth was asked. The tears rolled down her wide cheeks. "Yes," she said.

NATURALISED

AT Bow Street Bertha pleaded guilty to stealing the eggs and the rest, £1 12s worth of the hotel's food.

"This woman," a detective-sergeant said to Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, "is Belgian by birth, but now a naturalised Englishwoman. She came here in 1915 and, after working in munitions, joined a hotel in the West End as a cook.

"She was there for 24 years, and has been at this other hotel ever since, working as a cook. She is a widow, and she earned £7 a week and her food while she was on duty. She lives in a single room, for which she pays 17s a week. There are no previous convictions."

NEXT MAN IN

BERTHA was asked what she had to say. "I'm very, very sorry," she sobbed. "This is the worst time."

"It's the first time you've been caught," said the chief magistrate. "Pay £7, or go to prison for six weeks."

Bertha went heavily away, and her place in the dock was taken by a grey-haired Italian, who, like her, had confused the roles of staff and guests in the big hotel, and pleaded guilty to stealing from it ham, tomato s, lettuce—and some of the eggs that Bertha had overlooked.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Since I met Doris I'm chock-full of ambition! ... I'm going to study like mad next Autumn

Family Estate Dispute: Hearing Adjourned

Hearing of a family dispute over the estates of a father and son who both died intestate was adjourned for the second time this morning before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg.

The opening of the case was first adjourned yesterday in order to give one of the defendants, Wong Yan-shi, alias Wong Yan Miu-yung, tin-fong wife of the dead son, an opportunity to employ a solicitor.

This morning Mrs Wong said her solicitor required two or three days to look into the case because it was so complicated.

The Judge appointed her guardian of her three children, minors, whom he had added as defendants in the case, and allowed her an adjournment till Monday in order to enter an appearance for them.

The plaintiff is Wong Ying-kuen, alias Wong Kwok-hung, a thirty-year-old ticket collector, residing at 8 Bedford Road. He is the grandson of Wong Choi-ho, the deceased father, and son of Wong Yuk-shu the deceased son.

Represented by Mr John McNeill, QC and Mr Victor Gitting, instructed by Mr P.A.I. Vine, he is suing for accounts and enquiries in respect of the estates, for the Court's directions as to the share of benefits to be received from them by members of the family and for the appointment of the Judicial Trustee as Administrator of both estates.

THE DEFENDANTS

The six defendants are his grandfather's second concubine Wong Yu-shi, alias Wong Yu Piu-huen of 246 Fa Yuen Street, and her daughter Wong Cheuk-fong both represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Oswald Cheung instructed by Mr S. Ng Quinn; his father's tin-fong wife, Wong Yan-shi, alias Wong Yan Miu-yung, of 26 Fuk Cheun Street, who told the Court this morning that she had instructed Mr M. K. Lam; and her three children, Wong Shu-kuen, Wong Shuk-ping and Wong Pik-kuen.

According to the plaintiff his grandfather at the time at his death on July 1, 1942, left estate which included 241 Preference and 329 Ordinary shares in the Yaumati Ferry Company, Life Insurance policy of $9,304.40, two properties and a share in a third, as well as shares in two businesses.

Reservoirs Gain 158 Mill Gall

Yesterday's rains brought a nett gain of 158 million gallons to the Colony's water storage. This represents about four day's supply on the present ration.

Total water in store in the reservoirs this morning was 2,492 million gallons. Consumption during the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m., today was 40 million gallons.

The wide variation in rainfall over the Colony yesterday is indicated by the Water Authority's registrations which showed 85 points of an inch falling at Tytam, 2.21 inches at Pokfulam, 1.89 inches at Aberdeen and no less than 4.56 inches at Shing Mun in the New Territories.

Suspects Detained In Snatching Cases

A Chinese stole a silver bracelet from a four-year-old Chinese boy at the Koon Chung Market in Shanghai Street at about 6 p.m. yesterday.

A suspect has been detained.

In the same evening, another Chinese attempted to snatch a gold bracelet from an Indian woman in Nathan Road, near Austin Road.

A suspect has also been detained in connection with this case.

ATTACKED HIS WIFE

Chi Hoi, 34, of 11, Gresson Street, first floor, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment by Mr F. X. D'Almeida at Central this morning on a charge of wounding his wife.

The sentence is to start from the day of the defendant's arrest.

Defendant told the Magistrate that the reason he attacked his wife was because she indulged too much in gambling.

Death Of Local Sportsman

Mr Henrique Roldao de Pinna, manager of Far East Motors Ltd., passed away peacefully in Queen Mary Hospital at 11.25 this morning.

Mr Pinna was 47. He had been ill for six weeks. He is survived by his wife, and three daughters.

Mr Pinna was a keen sportsman, being a prominent golfer and lawn bowls player. He was a member of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and the Club de Recreio.

UN Arms Talks: Soviet 'Nyet'

(Continued from Page 1)

vital to provide against surprise attack and insure that any disarmament agreement is adhered to.

The United Nations Disarmament Commission, overriding a Soviet objection, later tonight called on a five-member sub-committee to study the proposals in a Western draft agreement on disarmament.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, voted against the resolution—because he said it failed to take account of the Soviet draft resolution urging a pledge to renounce the use or threat of force and the use of nuclear weapon.

Ten members of the 12-nation Commission voted for the resolution, Yugoslavia abstained.—United Press and Reuter.

4 US Airmen In Murder Trial

Leeds, July 16.

Four US airmen went on trial today on charges of murdering a British labourer during a cafe brawl last May.

They were the first American servicemen to face murder charges in Britain since US forces arrived in 1951. The prosecution hinted that it would ask for the death penalty.

The four, all negroes, pleaded not guilty.—United Press.

HARBOUR BRIDGE PROPOSAL DEFENDED: GOVT CRITICISED

Should Be Publicly Debated Says Rotary Club Speaker

Mr K. B. Allport, originator of the cross harbour bridge scheme which is being sponsored by the Harriman Realty Company, today defended his project when he addressed members of the Hongkong Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon, and also criticised Government for failing to arrange a Legislative Council debate on the subject.

He said that issues such as the Kai Tak airport and rent control were publicly debated, but that both the tunnel and bridge schemes "are curtly dismissed, and in the latter case the only official reaction to our submission is the usual printed acknowledgment, 'The matter is receiving attention.'"

Referring to Government's statement that the ferry companies should be compensated for the financial loss which they might sustain as a result of a cross harbour bridge or tunnel being constructed, Mr Allport declared: "I fail to understand why the ferry companies should now apparently be offered Government protection when there is a possibility of private enterprise providing improved cross harbour facilities."

The text of Mr Allport's address follows:

Since I was invited to give a short address on the proposal for a Cross Harbour Bridge, Government have issued their edict which may result in the citizens of Hongkong continuing to enjoy the inconveniences of crossing the harbour by ferries.

This announcement is perhaps unique (especially when we consider that the subject is one of such importance and which will affect the daily lives of every one of us) in that an official decision has been taken on a published Government report without any apparent debate.

Kai Tak Airport, Rent Control were debated publicly, but in the paramount issue of cross harbour traffic communications a blunt official statement is our lot. Both the tunnel and bridge schemes are curtly dismissed, and in the latter case the only official reaction to our submission is the usual printed acknowledgment, "The matter is receiving attention"! — Why? Surely the interests of the Colony would be best served by the detailed consideration now of a long term project rather than the temporary relief afforded by two additional ferries. There is, of course, no argument with the decision not to use public funds which rightly should be devoted to housing and other social projects.

Doubtful Honour

Since the publication of the announcement, only regret has been expressed from all quarters on the way the bridge scheme has been treated and the fact that the scheme may be jeopardised by the lack of official encouragement.

In Hongkong we have the unique but doubtful honour, probably unrivalled in the world, of having two great metropili under one Government—and one Urban Council! — with over a million people in each and separated by less than a mile of water, yet without a modern and efficient traffic link connecting them.

When we consider the respect in which Hongkong is held by the outside world on its great progressive endeavours, it is rather surprising that the antiquated system of cross harbour ferries survives and indeed is nurtured by Government.

It may be of interest to mention here the Auckland harbour bridge which is being built at a cost of over £5 million. New Zealand's population is considerably less than that of Hongkong, and the population of Auckland is only about 300,000 people. Yet they thought it desirable and have the courage and vision to build a magnificent bridge. Surely there is a greater demand and justification for constructing a bridge to link Kowloon and the Island.

The existing vehicular ferry services are excellent as far as such services can go, but as a traffic link between two large centres of population they are an inadequate means of communication and comparable to the retention of a narrow country lane between two large towns instead of a fast main road.

Vehicular ferry services, however much they are expanded, can never cope with the potential cross harbour traffic—even for a function at the City Hall!! They can never handle cross harbour buses or taxis.

The inherent deterrent to the greater use of the ferries is mainly due to the waiting involved at the ferry termini or on the crossing itself. People like to keep moving, and if they could drive straight from Victoria to Kowloon without interruption, the density of traffic would be bound to increase. This is a psychological factor but of great importance when estimating the traffic potential between two centres by means other than ferries.

Ferries are always considered an inconvenience and a nuisance, and if everyone here today asked himself whether he made maximum use of the vehicular ferry, the answer probably would be, "No, I only use the ferry when I really have to," but I am sure that if there was an efficient means of communication between the Island and Kowloon the number of times that you took your car across the harbour would be greatly increased.

Let us face realities and accept the fact that Hongkong may grow in the next 25 years to one of the largest cities in the world and what was suitable pre-war for a community of a million and a half is not going to be suitable for a population of four to six million. Increased vehicular ferries may deal with the immediate problem, but only a tunnel or bridge can solve the ultimate one.

To wait until 1979 when the ferry franchises expire is not an acceptable or sound argument as, in less than 20 years from then, the New Territories are due to revert to China.

Many Advantages

The many social and economic advantages to be derived from having an efficient means of communication were ably expressed by Mr Lawrence Kadoorie before you last October. His remarks were made in respect of the tunnel, but they equally apply to a bridge. Mr Kadoorie and I are united on the essential point—that the Island and Kowloon must be connected by an efficient means of road communication. His view is that a tunnel would be the best solution, whilst mine is that a bridge will prove more satisfactory.

The main reason for this is that the bridge, for a similar capital sum as suggested for the tunnel, will provide far greater facilities. The tunnel has only two lines of traffic—one in each direction. The bridge has in each direction three lines of traffic capable of dealing with up to 4,000 vehicles an hour. This may appear to be a high figure, but an efficient means of communication should be capable of handling the highest density of traffic that may be anticipated, even if only for a short period.

Whilst the normal flow of traffic across the harbour may only be in the hundreds per hour, on occasions like the Queen's Birthday, race days and other big functions, traffic density builds up quickly for a short period and can reach thousands per hour.

It is also proposed that the bridge will cater for cycle and foot passengers — a pleasant evening walk for the inhabitants of Wanchai such as Mr Brook Bernacchi recently proposed before the Urban Council!

Safety Factor

As far as road safety is concerned, the bridge has many advantages — with one road above the other the danger of head-on collisions is eliminated. In the tunnel even minor breakdowns may cause chaos in the tunnel approaches.

It is likely that the cost to provide similar facilities in a tunnel would exceed $300 million.

Dollar for dollar, therefore, I submit that a cross harbour bridge will prove more suitable and effective than a cross harbour tunnel.

The Government statement intimates that the bridge on the Kowloon side would interfere with air traffic and that it would be a hazard to shipping. It is unlikely that any difficulty will be encountered in keeping the height of the bridge within limitations to avoid hazarding aircraft using the airport to any greater extent than the existing tall buildings on the Kowloon Peninsula.

It is admitted that the piers would be an additional obstruction, but I cannot believe that they present any undue hazard to the mariners of this world who are used to taking their ships through much narrower channels and manoeuvring them in far more confined waters than Hongkong can ever provide.

Boon To All

The provision of the bridge will be a boon to all from the highest to the lowest.

The white collar worker may be able to get into a bus at Shatin and without changing from bus to ferry arrive at his place of work far quicker and fresher.

Equally, His Excellency the Governor, will be able, when he visits Kowloon, to drive direct without having to cross by launch and having an extra car and marine launches laid on.

I am sure that the two bus companies in the Colony, with a harbour bridge available, would use their resources to build up efficient services from one side of the harbour to the other for the benefit of the whole community, though it may take many years before they were able to expand to cope with the passenger load which would come their way.

Now the question arises as to how the bridge should be built. It is suggested that a Bridge Authority be set up by Ordinance, with the power to raise money locally or overseas. The activities of the Authority would be strictly controlled by the Ordinance. It will levy tolls for crossing the bridge, which would not exceed the existing ferry tolls.

Finance—The figure of $150 million may seem beyond our means, but is it? It only requires 30,000 or 1% of Hongkong's citizens to invest $5,000 each to achieve this bridge, or if every vehicle owner invested less than half the value of his vehicle, adequate funds would be obtained.

Lottery Bond

I am certain that international and other organisations would be prepared to support private enterprise. I also believe that substantial local finance could be obtained; one proposal which has been suggested and might prove very popular is a form of lottery bond similar to that suggested by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his last Budget Speech.

Bonds of, say, $1,000 would be issued and would be redeemable at par. No interest would be payable on them but once or twice yearly substantial cash bonuses would be paid to the holder of those bonds whose numbers were drawn.

In view of the tremendous sums which are spent on sweep tickets during the course of a year in Hongkong—and you are not even certain of getting your money back—I feel that the idea of a lottery bond would prove extremely successful.

The present cross harbour vehicular traffic produces in tolls over $4½ million a year. I think there is little doubt that with the increased traffic, together with the use of the bridge by public transport and taxis, the income from cross harbour traffic will be more than doubled without difficulty. Although in my estimates I only assumed an income of a little over $11¾ million, Mr Kadoorie suggested that an income approaching $16 million would be obtained, and I think that, within a decade, this may well be the case.

Therefore, I submit, there is little doubt that the bridge can pay for itself.

Mention has been made of the loss to Government revenue through the cessation of the vehicular ferries. Ignoring the question of Bridge royalty, Government will benefit from a substantial increase in petrol duties, and the total Government revenue from other sources, derived from the benefits that a bridge will provide, will undoubtedly be far greater than any attributable to the expanded vehicular ferries.

Govt Protection

Government in its announcement proposed that the ferry companies should be compensated (presumably by the Bridge Authority) for the financial loss which they might sustain as a result of a cross harbour bridge or tunnel being constructed. I fail to understand why the ferry companies should now apparently be offered Government protection when there is a possibility of private enterprise providing improved cross harbour facilities. Not only would this be an intolerable burden but would prove almost impossible to assess. Further, I doubt whether such protection is available under the existing Ordinances.

As far as the Yaumati Ferry is concerned, the Ordinance gives a franchise for them to transport vehicles and passengers across the harbour on "ferry runs" between restricted frontages and piers in Hongkong and restricted frontages and piers in Kowloon, and over these routes, and these routes alone, is the Company given the exclusive rights to operate ferry services.

There is nothing to prevent Government granting an applicant a franchise to operate a ferry service from North Point to Hunghom, or between any other two points not covered by the existing franchises, nor do I see any reason to prevent Government granting a franchise for a tunnel or bridge without infringing the rights of the existing ferry franchise holders.

Alternative Uses

As the development of this Colony progresses, uses will undoubtedly be found for the ferries which would eventually become redundant if a bridge was built.

No doubt 5-10 years will find tremendous development on Lantao and I suggest an outlet for the vehicular ferries may be found for the transport of goods to Lantao from Tsun Wan or Castle Peak.

In the report by the Working Party on the tunnel it is recommended that if commercial interests were prepared to back such a scheme, they should be encouraged by Government to do so. This equally applies to a bridge.

I submit that the case for a bridge in lieu of a tunnel has been proved. Private enterprise is prepared to promote a cross harbour bridge and therefore Government should accept the challenge and grant permission for private enterprise to carry out its detailed investigations into the scheme, and, if found satisfactory, to give the proposal its full moral support.

Furthermore, should this scheme come to fruition, it is hoped the citizens of Hongkong will give the Bridge Authority their backing so that within a few years it will be possible to cross the harbour at any time of the day or night without delay.

It is hoped that the statement issued by Government is a preliminary one and that further and early detailed consideration will be given to the long-term improvement of cross harbour facilities which private enterprise may be able to provide for the benefit of the travelling public.

Let us and Government therefore look ahead; not backward; let us realise the vast strides that have occurred in all aspects of our lives and conditions of living during the past 25 years, and with courage anticipate similar progress during the next generation — an additional vehicular ferry may ease the problem for five years but a bridge will prove beneficial for more than a lifetime.

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6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.08, Children Singing, Orpington Junior Singers (BBCTS); 6.30, American Symphonic Band of the Air cond. by Dr William D. Revelli; 7, International Half Hour. Music from Greece and Roumania; 7.30, "First Hearing" presented by Alex Borrie; 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News; 8.09, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 8.15, Noel Coward's "After the Ball" Musical Play based on the story by Oscar Wilde "Lady Windermere's Fan," Sung by the Principals and Chorus of the London Production Orchestra cond. by Philip Martell; 9, Time Signal, Cricket. (3rd Test Match) England v. Australia; Commentaries by Rex Alston, John Arlott and Michael Charlton on the 5th day's play at Headingley, Leeds; 9.30, Castaway's Choice. Pat Craig is interviewed by John Wallace; 10, Journey into Space. 'The World in Peril' Written and produced by Charles Chilton. Episode 3, Repeat of last Sunday's broadcast (BBCTS); 10.30, The Music Makers. Two Cantatas for Tenor; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Goodnight Music; 11.15, Cricket. (3rd Test Match) England v. Australia; Further commentaries on the 5th day's play at Headingley, Leeds; 11.45, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Freddy Martin Show; 4, Romances of the World — Lady Hamilton; 4.15, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours; 5, Children's Corner—Conducted by Auntie Pamela; 5.30, Progressive Jazz; 6, Band Call—Featuring the Orchestras of Ted Heath and Edmundo Ros; 6.25, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, London Studio Melodies; 7, Personality Parade—Victor Borge; 7.30, "Who Done It"—Something Personal from Benny Hill, star of J. Arthur Rank's New Comedy; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, There's Nothing Like It; 8.30, Journey into Space (New Series) Episode 3—Starring Jet Morgan in "The World in Peril" written and produced by Charles Chilton; 9, Third Test Match—England v. Australia—Commentaries by Rex Alston, John Arlott and Michael Charlton on the 5th day's play at Headingley, Leeds; 9.25, Show Case—Selections from "Satire and Spum"; 10, World of Jazz; 10.30, Murder at Midnight—"The Man Who Died Again"; 11, Barker's Bargain Basement—Presented by Mark Barker; 11.15, Third Test Match—England v. Australia—Further Commentaries to Close of play; "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

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